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Lisbon, To-day.

"The Franco-British Union which has been consolidating from the beginning of the war will be the kernel of the future Europe," declared the French Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, in an interview published in the newspaper "Diario de Noticias" here.

"The recent measures for tightening the economic co-operation between Paris and London are not of mere technical or military interest," he went on.

"They are an expression of a desire, unparalleled in history, for collaboration between the two peoples and this gives us hope that post-war Europe will be rebuilt on a lasting basis without too great difficulty."

The Portuguese newspaperman asked:—"Would there be a United States of Europe?"

M. Reynaud replied:—"Why not?"—Havas.

**SOVIET
BALKANS
GUARANTEE**

London, To-day.

According to the Budapest radio the newspaper "Pester Lloyd," mouthpiece of the Hungarian Government, has admitted that discussions concerning a Russian guarantee for the states of South-Eastern Europe are proceeding.

Commenting on Count Teleki's talks in Rome the paper, referring to the report that such a guarantee was one of the topics, says it is true that conversations of this nature have been proceeding.

"It is further a fact that the effect on South-Eastern

**INCREASING
PRESSURE ON
RUMANIANS**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

DESPITE THE OFFICIAL Rumanian denial that Germany has presented anything in the nature of an ultimatum to Bucharest, and the simultaneous expulsion from the Rumanian capital of Reuter's chief correspondent (who cabled a message that an ultimatum had been presented), reliable information received in London confirms reports of intense Nazi pressure on King Carol.

Most of the British newspapers publish reports from their correspondents in Bucharest and other Balkan capitals asserting that fresh Nazi economic demands have, in fact, been made to Rumania, though full details are not available.

All the correspondents describe the stronger pressure Germany is now exercising on Rumania, declaring that Berlin is making more strenuous efforts to obtain a monopoly of Rumania's oil, wheat and other raw materials.

The diplomatic correspondent of "The Times," whose articles are usually based on information received in Whitehall, says Germany has presented Rumania with a list of economic problems.

In the accompanying Note, the correspondent asserts, the Reich declared the problems "must be settled."

DEMANDS TOO SEVERE

It is a long list, the report continues, too long, in the opinion of the Rumanians, and negotiations will be difficult.

The "News Chronicle," commenting on Nazi-Rumanian relations, says Hitler must not be allowed to obtain by commerce what in the past he has obtained by force.

STRUGGLE FOR THE BALKANS

If Rumania succumbs to German domination, the Allied influence in the Balkans will be sensibly diminished and the Nazis will have taken a step forward.

The Allies, the newspaper declares, must put forward a maximum effort in the struggle for the Balkans.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the Rumanian Finance Minister is to visit

Europe of German-Russian-Italian co-operation was discussed but there is no reason for Italy to indulge in undue haste. Italy's policies are founded on sound principles and Italy therefore is in a position to wait as long as she wants to wait."—Reuter.

London shortly at the head of an important delegation.—Havas.

**LUXEMBURG
FRONTIER
ACTIVITY**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

GERMAN PATROLS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE OF LATE ON THE WESTERN FRONT AND ALONG THE LUXEMBURG BORDER.

Two German patrols were turned back west of the Saar and east of the Moselle; in the latter skirmish, the French took several prisoners.

The other night, it is now learned, volunteer guards on the Luxemburg-German frontier heard queer sounds. They investigated and saw "some strangers" jump into the river and swim back to the other side.

There is an ominous sign in the fact that near the border the Germans have a considerable stock of supplies which could be used in the construction of bridges.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy generally.



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SIGNIFICANCE OF OMISSIONS FROM YONAI'S STATEMENT

London, To-day.

"THE TIMES" DEVOTED ITS leading article yesterday to events in the Far East, of which the most important is the inauguration next Sunday of the "new Chinese regime to be styled the national government of China, under the rule of Wang Ching-wei and the control of Japan."

The editorial describes how "the conference of delegates from the occupied provinces of China and Inner Mongolia, with Wang himself and the heads of the 'reformed' or client administration of Peiping and Nanking, met last week at the latter city to organise the new government," and adds: "They were naturally well guarded for it is clear the Japanese Government and army are entirely committed to this experiment."

Tracing the obstacles which have had to be met in preparing the stage for what, citing the words of its own correspondent, it calls "a carefully planned peace move" which the Japanese Government believe will completely change the situation for them in China, the paper says that chief among the many difficulties of Wang himself "was and is the reluctance of many Chinese to regard him as anything but a deserter."

SIGNIFICANT

But he had also to reckon with the usual divisions of opinion between the Japanese army and the Japanese Government.

Commenting on Admiral Yonai's recent statement on the new administration, the paper thinks that from the point of view of foreign nations which have important commercial interests in China and are unable to exercise any direct influence in favour of a just peace so far, the omissions from this statement are more significant than its contents.

It calls attention to the manifesto which Wang Ching-wei recently issued at Shanghai in which he stated that foreign rights and interest would be respected and protected by the government which he proposed to form and that foreign capital would be invited to China. It finds it significant that there was no reference to this statement in Admiral Yonai's remarks.—British Wireless.

ADDRESSED TO WANG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Replying to a question, the Japanese Embassy spokesman specified that General Abe's credentials will be addressed to Wang Ching-wei and not President Lin Sen, although the latter is theoretically head of the National Government according to the decision taken by the "Central Political Conference." —Havas.

Mr. T. Taylor, residing at No. 1, Gascolgne Road, reports the theft of a camera, valued at \$240, from his car which was parked in his garage. The theft took place during the night of Sunday and Monday.

SHANGHAI ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Chow Wen-tung, son of Chow Pan-chun, was slightly wounded last evening by two gunmen in the Settlement.

Chow Pan-chun was suspected of having connections with Chu Ming-yi, Foreign Minister in the new Nanking "Government," and attempts were made on his life a few months ago.—Havas.

NAMTAU SKIRMISH CASUALTIES

Suffering from bullet wounds sustained in the course of the skirmish with the "Puppet" troops at Namtau last Sunday, two Chinese soldiers were permitted to cross the border at Shum-chun into British territory for treatment at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. Their condition is said to be satisfactory.

INCREASES IN WAGES

London, To-day.

According to figures published in the Ministry of Labour Gazette some 10,300,000 workers have had wages rate increases since the outbreak of war.

The aggregate increase is over 1½ million pounds weekly, and the increase in wages rates in February affected nearly 3 million workers.

Average increase over 6 months is approximately the same as the recorded increase in the cost of living.—British Wireless.

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Stocks of materials are adequate, are conservatively valued and in view of the rises brought about by the War we do not consider it necessary to appropriate any of the year's profit to write them down. The overdraft is only very slightly reduced from last year's figure, mainly attributed to developments to which I shall refer later. Depreciation is at the usual rates and is slightly higher in total than last year, due to increase of our facilities. The year under review had no outstanding characteristics until the start of the war in Europe. We were fairly well employed with repair work and were happy to start the year with orders for two ships and a little later secured the order for a third. Of the first two, one, the Karuah, was delivered to owners before the promised date. The construction of the others has been somewhat affected by the war but is well advanced. We also received an order in early September for a 5,000-ton ship with larger main propelling diesel engine than we have yet built. Materials for this ship have been slow in arriving and the pause has been utilised in getting ready for three large cargo ships which we are to build. To deal with a portion of this order the East yard, where no ship has been built since 1925, is being opened up again, but with an improved layout of the plating machine shop and better access to the yard. The new large machine shop which I promised to be ready at the end of 1939 was not so ready but some of its heavy machines are now installed, and working, and this new shop I have no doubt, will soon prove its efficiency.

NEW DEEP WATER BERTH.

I doubt if shareholders fully appreciate why we must develop in what may appear to them a somewhat costly manner calling for the creation of considerable reserves. We must be able to make practically everything ourselves or lose the business to places which can.

The suggested appropriation of \$350,000 for a special reserve for extension is to enable us to purchase from the Hong Kong Government and reclaim a portion of the sea-front on the east side of our East yard to give us an additional deep water berth. This additional deep water berth has been a great need for a long time, for, with a large ship under our great crane, we have been sorely put to it to accommodate others without interfering with dockings and undockings, or to avoid the inconvenience of shifting ships when we need to use the great crane for other work. This berth has been considered in the relaying out of our East yard, and before very long will have direct access by motor road from our Main Gate.

During the year a new and modern type caisson has been fitted to Cosmopolitan Dock. The old caisson was not the most suitable design but with slight alterations was adapted for the larger dock at Aberdeen, where it has been fitted and replaces the wooden one which was beyond repair. A boiler, secondhand but in first-class condition, has been installed to pump Hope Dock which is now more efficient than it has been for twenty years.

A new club house has been built at Kowloon Docks.

Our larger craft are in good order and to the small craft we have added three diesel driven boats, one of which replaces a harbour work launch which was beyond economical repair. This is a long list of development work, but it was work that we were bound to do.

BETTER DAYS RECALLED

There has not been and there will not be any profligate spending, but if we are to attract and retain clients we must keep an ever watchful eye upon the maintenance of our efficiency. You will thus appreciate why our overdraft is only slightly reduced in 1939 and why we have to recommend comparatively large sums being placed to reserve, and why we have decided to make a fresh issue of capital. At the same time, as a matter of interest, I might point out that the percentage of profits utilised for dividends is about equal to that of our palmiest days which followed soon after the last Great War.

The staff have willingly formed a volunteer unit which trains regularly twice a week at the Docks, where a small range has been erected, and the "Dock Guerrillas" as they nicknamed themselves, about 35 strong, will give a good account of themselves if called upon. Others over military age have attended lectures in field work given by Major Walker, so that they could serve in the event of it being necessary. About 40 attended a series of A.R.P. lectures. The Chinese workmen too have willingly responded to the calls made on them and deserve our gratitude.

Messrs. D. Drummond and L. Kadoorie were re-elected directors, and Mr. J. J. Paterson's re-appointment was confirmed. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a fee of \$2,000 each.

CORRECTION

An unfortunate error appeared in our report yesterday of brief proceedings at the Kowloon Magistracy in a case against Joseph Renee Alexander Turcotte. Mr. A. C. F. Andrew was not, as there stated, directly concerned in the alleged incident but was responsible for taking up the prosecution. We tender our sincere regrets to Mr. Andrew for the error and apologise for any inconvenience which may have been caused thereby.

MINES EXPLODE

Seven mines exploded off Cheung Chau Island on Good Friday. No damage to property or boats was caused.

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Goebbels' Promised Earthquake Fails To Materialise

NAZI BULLYING AND INTRIGUING IN THE BALKANS

London, To-day.

THE LULL IN NAZI PROPAGANDA, after dark hints of something "big" breaking over Easter, is the subject of comment in the Home Press.

Commenting on the Hitler-Mussolini meeting at the Brenner Pass, the "Manchester Guardian" says that whenever the dictators meet there is a hullabaloo; if nothing else. Such tactics are an integral part of the Nazi technique. The paper warns, however, that rumours are not always false.

The Labour paper "Daily Herald" takes a somewhat similar view. Dr. Goebbels, it says, promised us that the whole face of Europe would be changed this week-end. Well, it looks much the same and there has been no earthquake.

The French and British peoples, however, are absolutely determined that their two countries should active and alert. Hitler has not attacked the Balkans "yet," but his emissaries are bullying and intriguing; this time, the French and British Governments have been forewarned and they must be prepared for any emergency.

The "News Chronicle" says that a "diplomatic tussle" is in progress which may have great effects on the war as a major military campaign. Germany has a side door and a back door — the Baltic and the Balkans.

BALKAN BACK DOOR

The side door is almost sealed up but the back door is very much open and that accounts for German activity there. But the Allies are stronger there than in the Baltic and

if the Balkans are not to be lost the Allies must make sure of them. Their military and financial resources are impressive.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that north, south, east and west the Nazi aim is to plunder the neutral peoples. For the Scandinavian countries, Holland and Belgium, the murder of their merchant seamen and the destruction of their ships is the instrument of torture.

PISTOL READY

In the Balkans and the Danube, the Nazi at present prefer blackmail to open murder. The pistol is in the pocket, although its bulge is flaunted.

The Balkans need not fear if they resolve to maintain their security by determination and force and stand up against aggression. A large Allied

JAPANESE SPOKESMAN SAYS HIS PIECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, Today.

Referring to recent attacks against Britons and anti-British feelings prevailing in Honan, a spokesman of the Japanese Embassy declared that since this sentiment originated "from British provocative action there" it may continue as long as British residents do not change such attitude.

Both the Chinese authorities and the Japanese army will, however, repress any manifestation likely to endanger lives and property, added the spokesman. — Havas.

force is ready in the Eastern Mediterranean to meet whatever is needed of it.

The "Daily Mail" complains that we let the German lies win a victory over the Sylt raid. It is imperative that those in immediate charge be prepared, at any hour of the day or night, to counter the enemy's lies and the paper feels the War Cabinet itself should deal with this matter at once. — Reuter.

PERSECUTION OF ROMAN CATHOLICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Vatican City, To-day.

It is officially and categorically denied that negotiations are under way regarding the execution of a Concordat.

According to information from the Reich, the persecution of Catholics in that country does not seem to have abated since the visit of Herr von Ribbentrop to the Vatican.

It is learned that the convent at Innsbruck was closed down and the nuns expelled two days after the return of Ribbentrop to Berlin. — Havas.

SPECIAL ENVOY

London, To-day.

Sir Charles Bentinck, British Ambassador at Santiago, has been appointed Special Ambassador at the forthcoming inauguration of General Penaranda as President of the Bolivian Republic on April 15. — British Wireless.

NAVY KEEPS TO RULES

London, To-day.

Reports from neutral centres show that British commentators are not alone in stressing the difference between the methods employed by the Germans in their indiscriminate U-boat warfare on shipping and those to which the British Navy is strictly adhering while bringing home to Germany herself, in waters which she may have expected to keep under her control, the vulnerability of what remains of her seaborne commerce.

In the case of the successful attack on the German ship Edmund Hugo Stinnes off Thorsmende, on the west coast of Jutland — which follows close on the sinking of the Hedderheim in the Kattegat last week — reports show the greatest care was taken by the commander of the British submarine to ensure the safety of the crew before sinking their vessel in accordance with the protocol on submarine warfare to which both Britain and Germany adhered but which Germany has consistently violated. — British Wireless.

FORD'S GRANDSON TO BECOME CATHOLIC

New York, To-day.

Ford III, grandson of Henry Ford, is about to enter the Catholic Church, and is now receiving instruction.

Aged 23, he is a senior of Yale University and a director of the Ford Motor Company. — Reuter.

NAZI ALLEGATIONS CONTINUE

Berlin, To-day.

The Edmund Hugo Stinnes was torpedoed by a British submarine in Danish waters, according to the German High Command.

The Nazis also accuse British warships and planes of bombing in Danish and Norwegian waters in an attempt to cut German trade routes.

British planes violated Dutch territory eight times in returning from flights, say the Nazis. — Reuter.

MESSAGE FROM KING

London, To-day.

Bulletins regarding the condition of the New Zealand Prime Minister, who is gravely ill, are being read as they arrive here with concern. On Monday night Mr. Savage was stated to be weaker. The King has sent a message of sympathy expressing hopes for his recovery. — British Wireless.

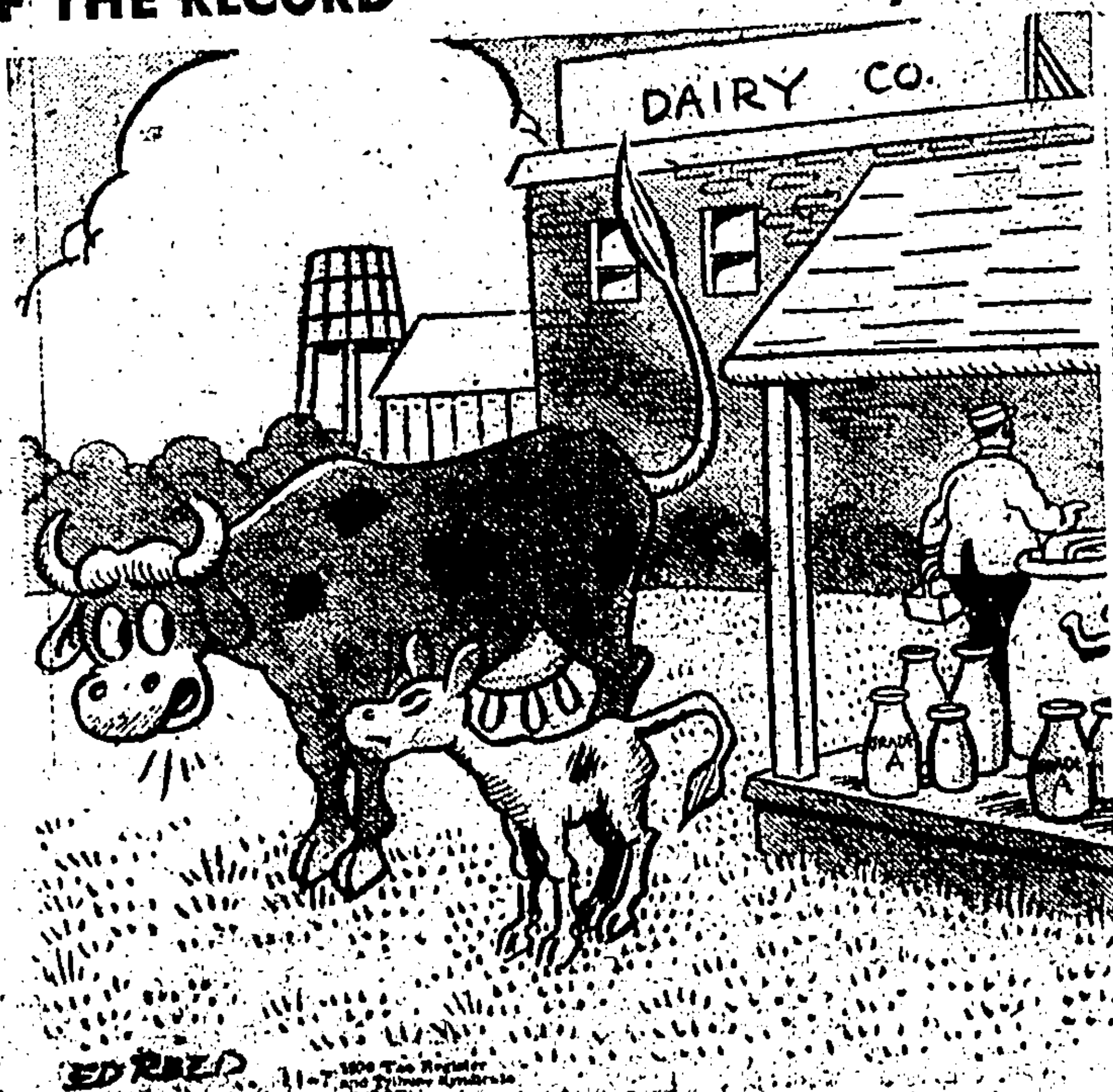
TRAWLER SUNK

London, To-day.

H. M. trawler "Loch Assater" has been sunk by a mine. All the crew were rescued. — British Wireless.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.

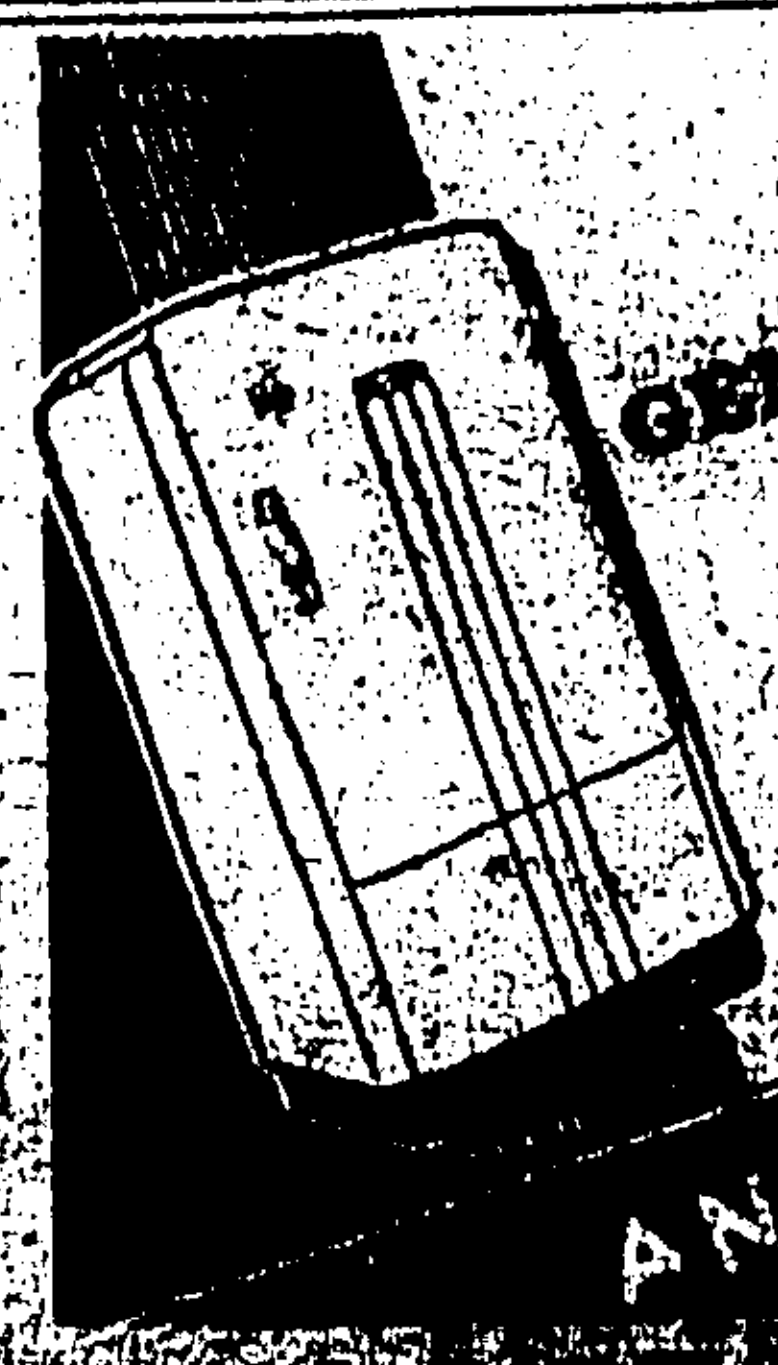


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EASTER HOLIDAY AS USUAL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ON THE FIRST EASTER MONDAY OF THE WAR CROWDS OF HOLIDAY-MAKERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FLOCKED TO THE SEASIDE BY TRAIN; HIKERS THROGGED THE COUNTRYSIDE AND CYCLISTS FILLED THE ROADS.

There were the usual Bank Holiday crowds in London "seeing the sights," the only difference being the sandbags and steel-helmeted city policemen.

The petrol ration, however, stopped many families who normally go holiday-making on the roads. Traffic was only a third of normal, the London-Brighton road carrying the bulk of cars at the rate of 1,400 an hour.—Reuter.

BRIGHTON SETS A RECORD

London, To-day.

The railways report record holiday traffic and sea coast and other resorts have been very full over Easter. Brighton, which is estimated to have received over half a million extra visitors at the week-end, claims to have been busier than ever before in its history.

Railway traffic was, of course, much swollen as a result of the reduction in the number of motor cars on the road in consequence of petrol rationing. The density of motor traffic on the main roads is put at about three-quarters of normal and a feature of the roads generally commented on is the great increase in the number of pedal cycles.

Most noticeable difference in the holiday scene throughout the British Isles from last year was the predominance of uniforms of the three defence services.

London, as usual, received many visitors in return for holiday makers who left the metropolis in hundreds of thousands on the last three days of last week. Fairs on heaths and commons surrounding London were well patronised and large crowds visited the Zoo. On Bank Holiday the British Museum had 1538 visitors while 3251 went to the Victoria and Albert Museum and 7158 to the Science Museum.—British Wireless.

ELECTION APATHY IN CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.

Canada goes to the polls to-day after what is generally regarded as the dulllest and most placid election campaign in Canadian history.

Week-end blizzards in Quebec and Ontario and severe weather in western Canada threaten to curtail the popular vote.

French Canada's vote has remained questionable despite the Liberals' great provincial victory in Quebec last year. The Liberals have not enunciated a very clear-cut programme but have requested a mandate for five years based on their record.

The opposition Conservatives have been content with attacking the Government's past performance and advancing rather vague proposals for changes if they win.

The Liberals are still expected to have a clear majority of about 80.—Reuter.

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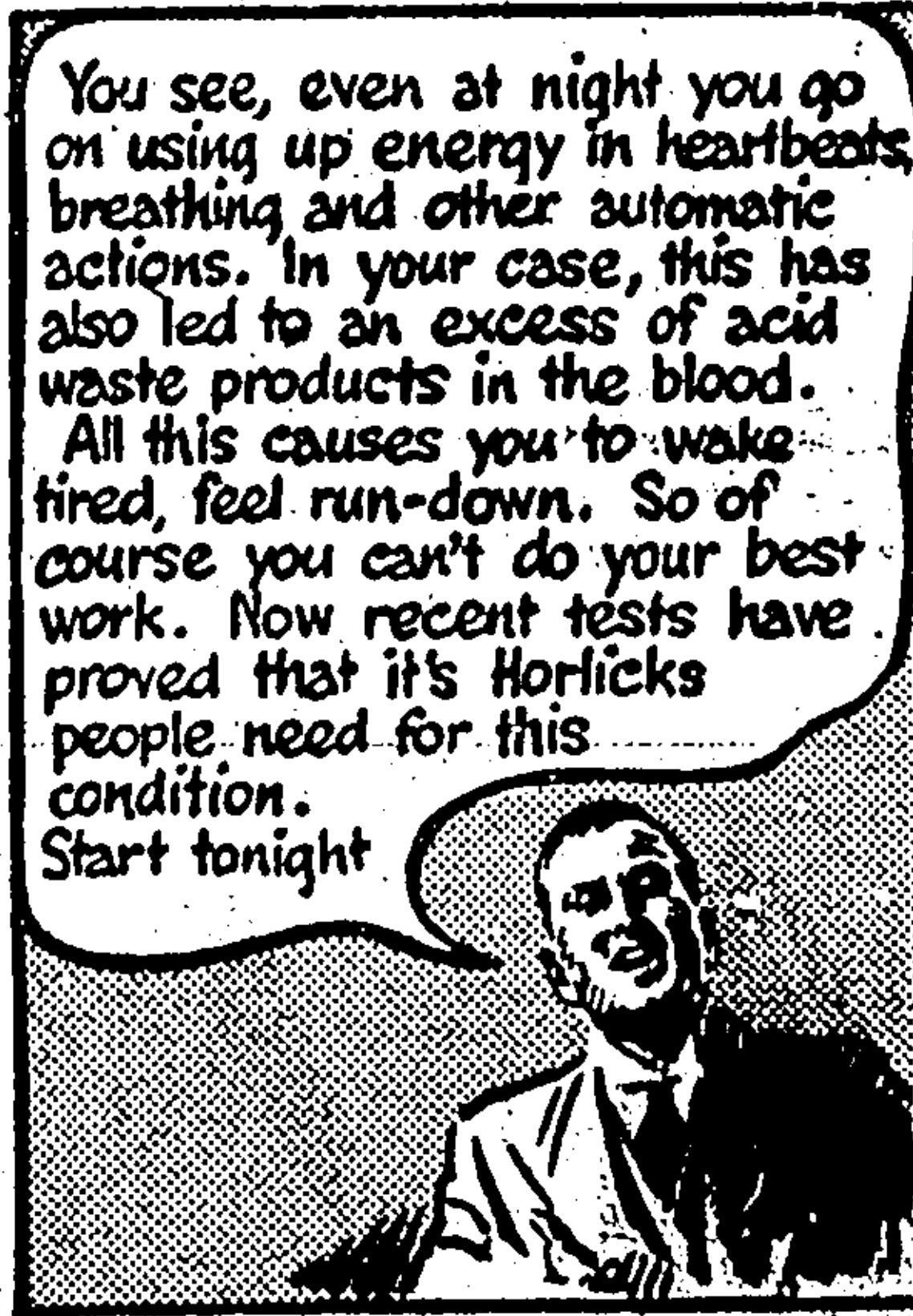
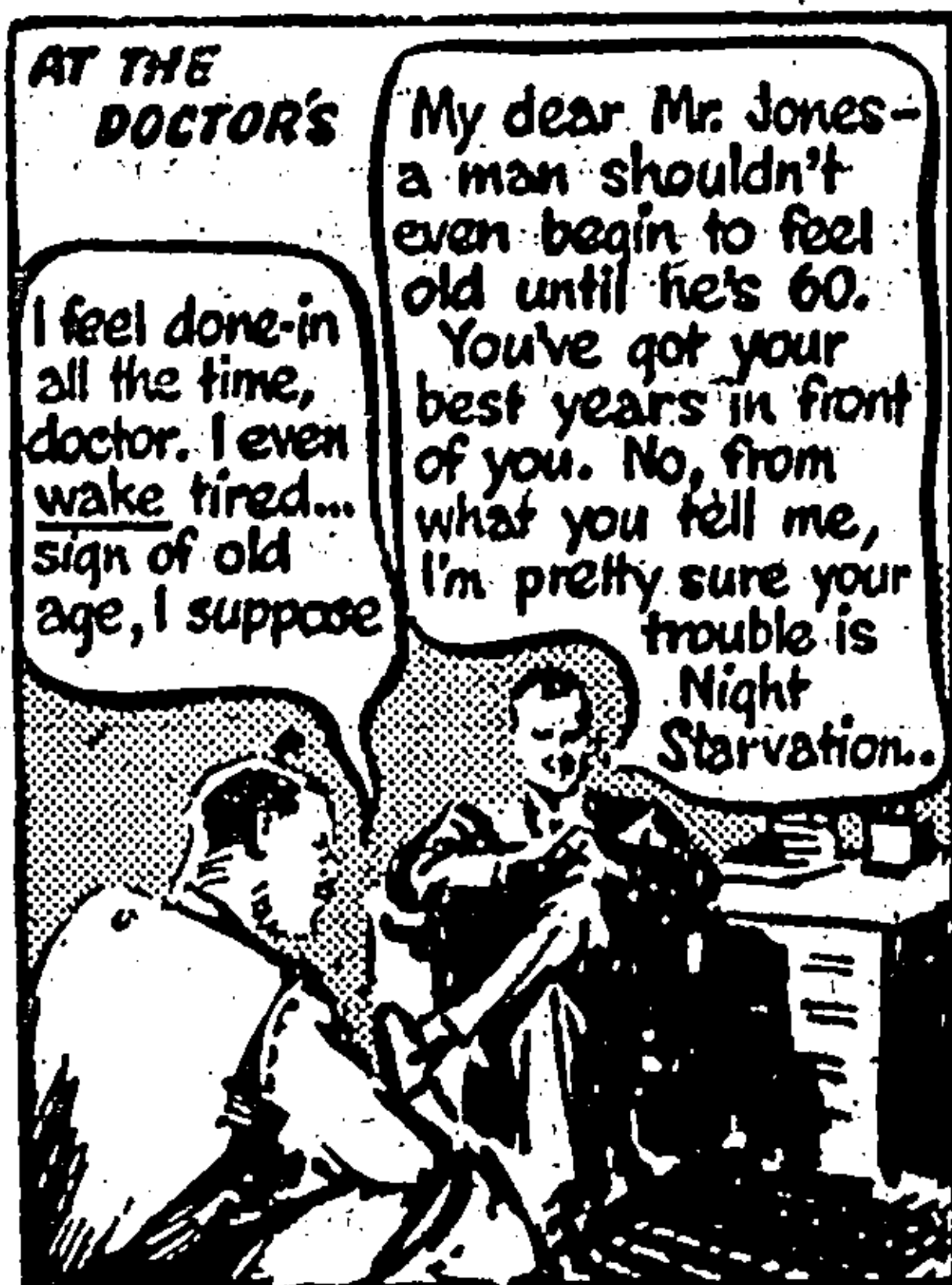
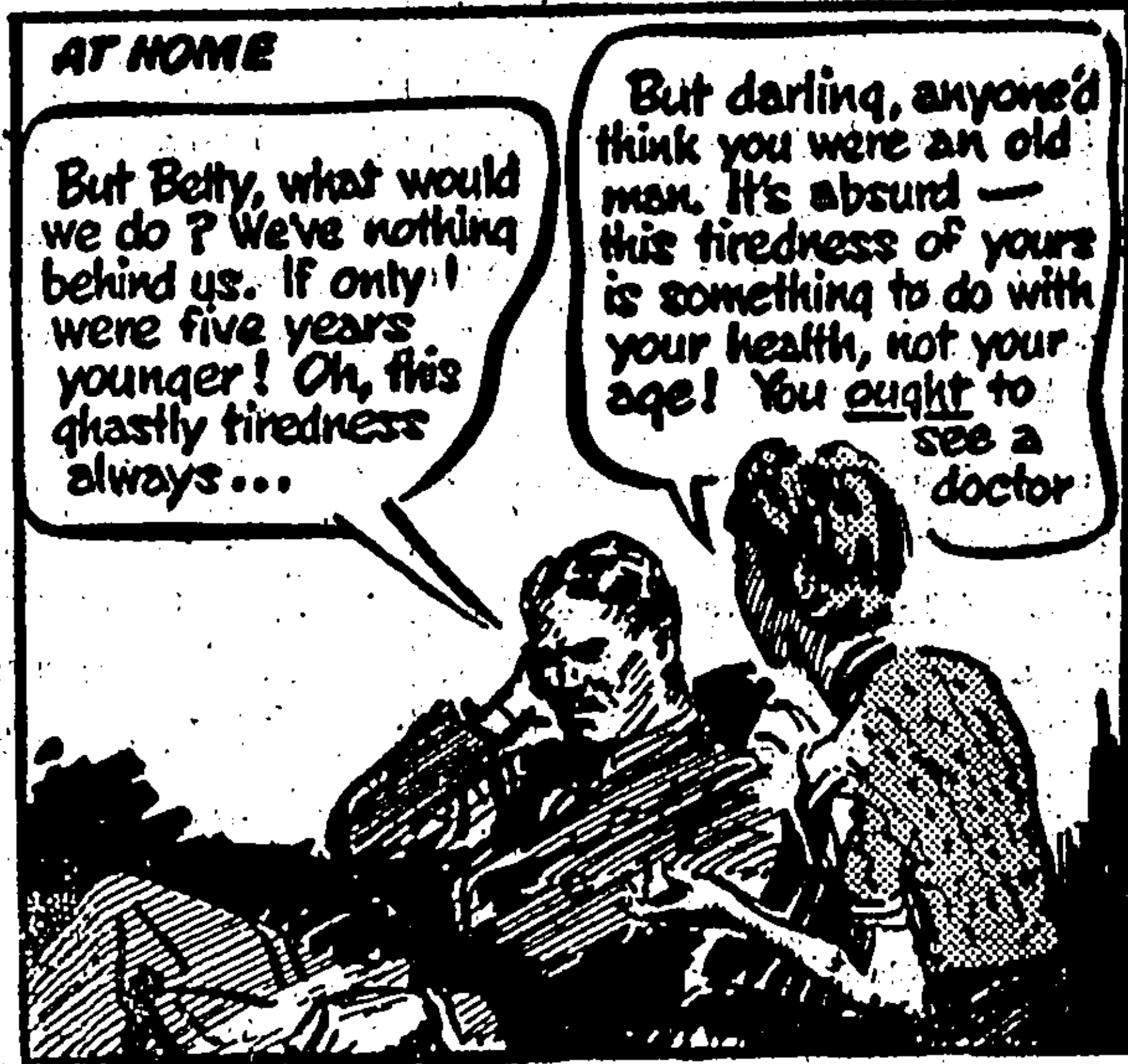
London, To-day.

The Will of the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, makes only one bequest of a public nature.

Lord Tweedsmuir directed his trustees to hand over to the National Library of Scotland "all books in my library dealing with the Marquis of Montrose which the National Library may desire." — Reuter.



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Goebbels Seizes Opportunity NORWEGIAN PROTEST TO BRITAIN

EXPULSION OF REUTER MAN

LONDON, TO-DAY.
NO OFFICIAL REPORT HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED HERE ABOUT THE EXPULSION FROM RUMANIA OF M. H. LOVELL, REUTER'S CHIEF CORRESPONDENT IN THE BALKANS.

As soon as a full statement is received from the British Legation in Bucharest, an investigation will be held into the matter.

It is reported he was expelled because of a message he sent in which he said that Germany had made certain trade demands on Rumania "amounting almost to an ultimatum." This was officially denied.

Mr. Lovell says that he was given this information by official German sources and he, naturally, believed it was true.—Reuter.

PLANNING EXPERT DEAD

London, To-day.
Dr. Thomas Adams, one of the greatest living authorities on town planning, who between 1923 and 1930 directed the regional plan for New York, died yesterday aged 68.—British Wireless.

RIDICULOUS NAZI PROPAGANDA OUTCRY OVER NEUTRALITY

London, To-day.

NORWAY HAS PROTESTED to Britain about alleged violations of her neutrality by British aeroplane. A further protest about incidents involving British warships is now being prepared in Oslo.

It is understood that the main complaint against the warships is that they entered Norwegian waters to intercept German ships and two or three such alleged incidents are named.

German propaganda is making its usual outcry, for all the world as though Germany was the only true champion of neutral rights.

No information on the subject is available in official quarters in London, but the Diplomatic Correspondent of the BBC comments that it seems a little ridiculous that the German wireless and press should take up the subject of Norwegian neutrality.

One would think Britain and France were the ones who had never shown any respect for the rights of neutrals, but seven months of war have left no doubt as to who is the enemy of neutral rights, he continues.

SCARED NEUTRALS

There has been no British action or bombings against neutrals. No British 'planes have bombed or machine-gunned neutral merchant ships. No British magnetic mines are laid indiscriminately on the trade-routes, which are the lifelines of the neutrals. It was not Franco-British policy which forced Finland to capitulate to Soviet aggression.

It was German threats and the neutrals' fear of them.

The Norwegian Government, he goes on, will not forget, whatever complaints it makes to Britain, that only two days ago it protested to Berlin about the brutal Nazi sea warfare, which sinks Norwegian ships and kills Norwegian seamen.

PREMIER'S REMINDER

Only last week, Mr. Chamberlain reminded the neutrals that they would not find security in the assumption that it did not matter who won the war.

Britain and France are fighting an unscrupulous enemy who respects no rights but force and with no regard to neutrals beyond what the Allies can enforce. The Allies are doing their utmost to respect the rights of neutrals. Not a single neutral life has been lost by British action.—Reuter.

LAST WEEK'S PROTEST

London, To-day.

No representations concerning allegations of British infringement of Norwegian neutrality have been received through the Norwegian Legation in London since last week.

Prior to the end of last week representations were received by the Foreign Office which were concerned, in the main, with alleged cases of infringement of Norwegian neutrality by British aircraft. These representations are now the subject of investigations by the appropriate British authorities.

Reuter understands the Norwegian representations were received about Thursday last. Alleged activities by British ships played some part therein but the main contentions were hinged upon aerial activities.—Reuter.

UNPRECEDENTED JAPANESE TAXATION

Tokyo, To-day.

The Taxation Reform Bill, by which the Japanese Government aims at increasing revenue from taxation by 500,000,000 yen a year, passed into law yesterday when the House of Peers adopted the Bill as amended by the Lower House.

The Finance Minister described the reform plan as "unprecedented in the vastness of its scope in the annals of taxation in Japan."—Reuter.

TRANSFER OF SHIPPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

WITH THE CHARTERING OF THE VESSELS OF THE AMERICAN PIONEER LINE AND THE PUGET SOUND-ORIENT LINE—ALL IN FAR EASTERN SERVICE—THE LATEST GOVERNMENT-OWNED-AND-OPERATED FOREIGN SERVICES HAVE NOW BEEN TURNED OVER TO PRIVATE OPERATION.

Six ships of the Puget Sound-Orient Line were chartered by the American Mail Line of Seattle. The ships involved are the Canillo, Coldbrook, Collingsworth, Satarlia, Crown City, and West Ousetta. The bid was for \$17,871 per month.

During the last 14 months the Maritime Commission has transferred to private operation the American Republics Line, the America France Line, the American Hampton Roads-Yankee Line, the Oriole Lines, and the India, Far Eastern and Australian services of the Pioneer Line.—Havas.

£239,000 WILL OF PRINCESS

Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, Duchess of Argyll, of Kensington Palace, sixth child of Queen Victoria, and a great-aunt of the King, who died last December, aged ninety-one, left unsettled estate of the gross value of £239,260, with net personalty £228,648.

Estate duty of £71,211 8s. has been paid.

Probate of her will has been granted to Captain Oswald Herbert Campbell Balfour, of York-terrace, W.; Sir Edward James Reid, Bart., of Bishopsgate, E.C.; and John Arthur Gallop, solicitor, of 31, Old Jewry, E.C.

TURKEY SATISFIED WITH AID FROM ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

In a special interview with the Ankara correspondent of the "Daily Express," the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs said that Turkey was "entirely satisfied" with the Franco-British aid she had received.—Havas.

PERSIAN TREATY WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

Tehran, To-day.

A treaty of commerce between Iran and the Soviet Union has been signed.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

FRANCE'S NEW PREMIER

If France and Great Britain emerge from the war not merely victorious but—what is at least as important and perhaps more difficult—still united in peace, a considerable share of the credit for this must go to M. Paul Reynaud.

In the first few months of hostilities the Allies won three great victories—over themselves. The first was unity of military command. This vital point, which it took two years to reach in the World War, was this time attained in a few weeks. The second was Anglo-French economic collaboration, which was carried further in three months than in three years of the World War. The third was complete Franco-British financial solidarity, sealed in mid-December, not only for the duration of the war but for a six-month period after the conclusion of peace.

As France's Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud played a leading part in the last two of these Allied "triumphs." Small wonder therefore that one of the first things he said to me in discussing the war was, "We shall win. But before we can conquer the enemy, we must first conquer ourselves!"

It is a favourite theme of M. Reynaud. One of his chief claims to statesmanship is precisely that he has never lacked the courage to face unpleasant facts, to put them frankly before Parliament and public, to draw the conclusion from these facts and then—rarest of all—to act upon them even when the action was politically unpopular.

Thus in what has been well called the greatest speech of the first phase of the war, delivered on December 13 in the Chamber of Deputies, Paul Reynaud declared, "The democracies will win, but they will win only at the price of sacrifices of which they cannot even conceive as yet. If we do not go into the conflict prepared to put up with everything, it would be easy, very easy indeed, for us to lose the war." And he accompanied this warning with a remarkably frank statement of the war situation, showing clearly just what France and Britain were up against.

Clarity is, in fact, the outstanding characteristic of Paul Reynaud. He has a gift, common to many Frenchmen, for clarifying an issue; but he also possesses the faculty, less frequent among French politicians, of taking the larger and longer view of things. Perhaps the fact that he is a great traveller has something to do with this; for he has three times been around the world.

Above all, he knows England and the British Empire well. He speaks English fluently, and has a remarkably deep understanding of the English national character. A few years ago, he startled the French Chamber of Deputies by declaring, "You cannot hope ever to begin to understand the English unless you realise that, unlike ourselves, they are a nation who read the Bible!" — Mallory Browne.

"ASSURANCE OF VICTORY"

It is only natural that the Allies should feel assured of victory in their struggle against Nazi aggression. As is often emphasised, they have behind them the combined resources of the two greatest empires in the world and control of the seas.

This assurance has found expression in a variety of ways, not all of which have passed unquestioned in Allied countries themselves. In France, for instance, there has been some criticism of a Government poster asking the public to subscribe to war "Gazette del Popolo," Turin.

loans, which shows on a map of the world the vast areas included in the French and British empires contrasted with the small space occupied by Germany, and accompanied by the words: "We shall win, because we are stronger."

In Britain, a pamphlet entitled "Assurance of Victory" issued by the Ministry of Information a short time ago, has also been the object of widespread criticism in the English press. Its striking presentation of material intended to prove that Britain and France possess overwhelming superiority in the military, naval, air, and economic fields, has aroused protests from those who feel that this sort of propaganda is more likely to lead to perilous complacency than to that quietly watchful confidence which is a desirable part of public morale in wartime.

There is, however, another side of the Ministry of Information's pamphlet and the French Government's poster which is open to question. This is their failure to emphasise the fact that for the great majority of people in France and Britain, and perhaps outside these countries as well, assurance of victory for the Allies rests not alone on military and naval strength and economic resources, but at least equally on their faith in the rightness of their cause.

No doubt it is true that many Germans are deeply and sincerely persuaded that in this conflict right is on their side. But between these two convictions there is a vital difference. The people of France and Britain are free to hear and to read both sides of the case. They may if they like listen to German propaganda broadcasts such as those of the now notorious "Lord Haw-Haw." In striking contrast to this Germans are strictly forbidden to listen to foreign radio programmes.

In France and Britain, Government and people share a confidence in the righteousness of their cause so solid that there is little apprehension that any amount of Nazi propaganda could shake it. Furthermore, accompanying this conviction is a deep-seated faith that right is might and will prevail. — "Christian Science Monitor."

NORTHERN NATIONS

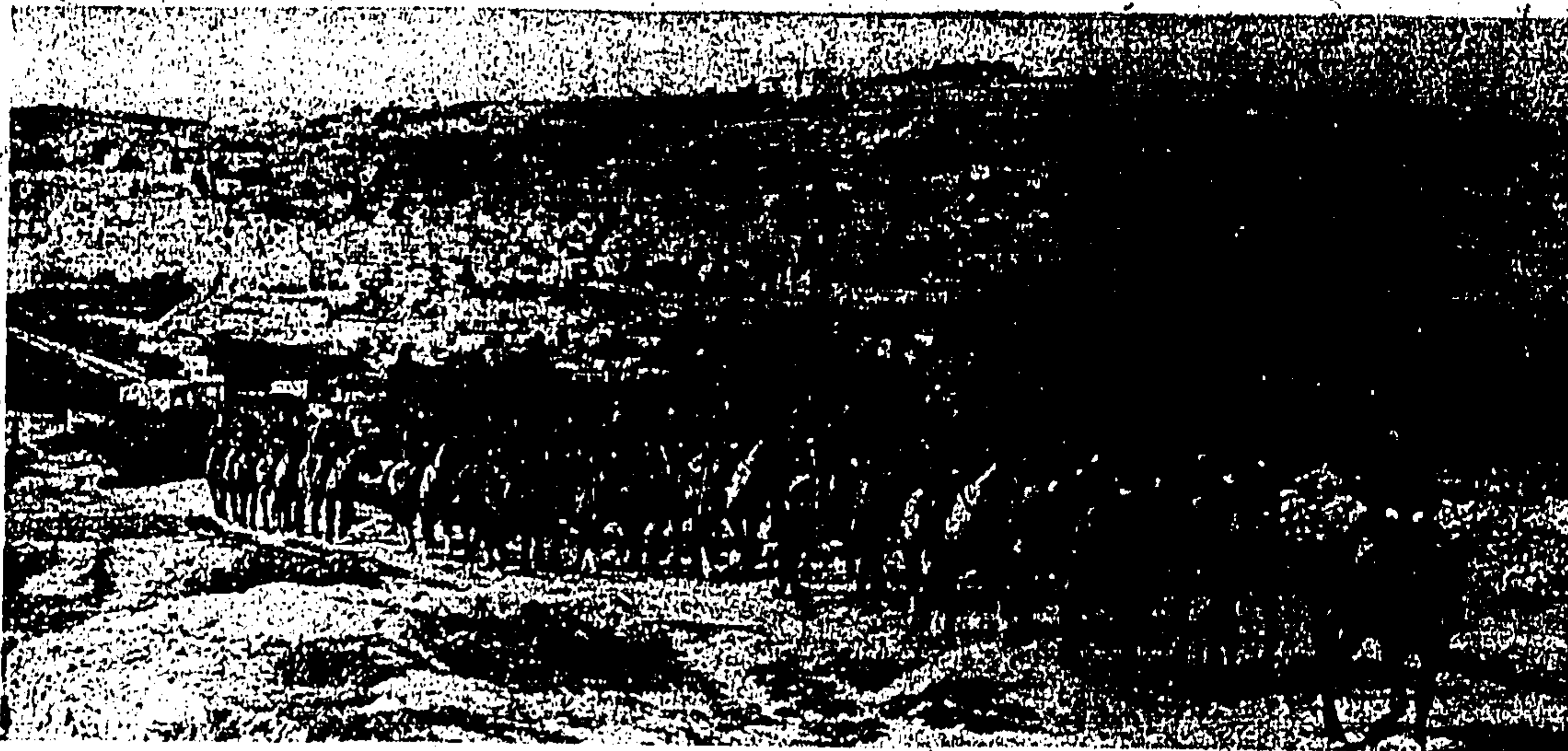
Now that Europe's conscience is fully awakened . . . you cannot discount the possibility of German opinion itself being brought to realise the true significance of the audacious affirmation of Slavic and Bolshevik imperialism in Europe's North in relation to the future of Germanism.

The gravest error of the hour would be to allow Soviet Russia, with Hitlerian Germany's connivance, to coerce all the small Northern European nations, one after the other, when only a common action and solid front can save them from defeat and servitude. — "Le Temps," Paris.

RUSSIA'S ARMY

All efforts of both the motorised and mechanised Soviet Army, about whose power and worth so many frightful legends have been circulating for years, have resulted in nothing more than the slaughter of several tens of thousands of poor, peak-capped and red-starred soldiers.

Vague news now reaches us of enormous Russian concentrations in them the combined resources of the Karelia and the decisive attacks the Russian General Staff would like to launch this winter. But even if Finland laid down her arms to-morrow in a variety of ways, not all of which have passed unquestioned in Allied countries themselves. In the press, nothing would be changed: the Soviet Army is in a bad some criticism of a Government poster asking the public to subscribe to war "Gazette del Popolo," Turin.



WHERE CAVALRY STILL HAS A JOB—One of the few remaining countries where British cavalry still operates unmechanised is Palestine. This interesting photograph was taken when a famous regiment was exercising in the vicinity of the Biblical city of Nazareth and shows the cavalry on the move with the City of Nazareth in the background. (By Air Mail).

CAUTIOUS STATEMENT ON SWEDEN'S ATTITUDE TO NORDIC ALLIANCE PROPOSAL

Stockholm, To-day.

SWEDEN'S READINESS to "collaborate in examination of the project for a Northern Alliance" was reaffirmed by M. Hansson, the Prime Minister, in a broadcast to the nation last night.

M. Hansson added that at the same time it was necessary to draw attention to the danger of giving birth to popular ideas which did not correspond with the real situation.

M. Hansson, after revealing that Sweden told Finland as long ago as the middle of October that she could not count on direct Swedish military intervention in the event of war, declared it was necessary to make an end once for all of speculations suggesting that the resources of the North might be mobilised for other ends than defence against attacks on the North's peace and independence.

ONLY ONE SLOGAN

Only the slogan "peace at home and for the country" could rally the Nordic peoples, and in accordance with it they would deliberate how to organise their efforts for the common protection.

Sweden could co-operate in the common Nordic task with full right to make her opinion heard.

Sweden's policy of remaining out of war had the support of the whole Swedish people, and moreover it should be recalled that the Nordic States had never engaged in any military obligations.—Reuter.

PRESS TAKES A FIRM LINE

The Scandinavian press takes a firm line over the Soviet attempt to stop the formation of a Nordic defence alliance.

Typical of the attitude is that of the Conservative Swedish paper "Svenska Dagbladet," which protests that surely the Soviet Government does not think it can interfere with sovereign states which discuss common defence measures, "even if it does have the support of certain organs of the German press."—Reuter.

NEVILLE'S PICTURE ON TORPEDO

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MRS. MARY THOMPSON, OF BRIDLINGTON, WHO FOUND THE NEW TYPE OF TORPEDO NOW BEING EXAMINED BY THE ADMIRALTY, HOPES TO BE THE FIRST TO CLAIM THE £25 REWARD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY THE ADMIRALTY FOR DISCOVERIES OF THIS KIND.

The torpedo, which was washed

FRANCO-ITALIAN EXCHANGES

Paris, Today.

M. Paul Reynaud, the Premier, yesterday received the Italian ambassador to Paris.

The French Ambassador to Rome left the Italian capital for Paris yesterday morning. — Reuter.

ashored near Bridlington, is 12 feet long and is believed to have been dropped by a Heinkel bomber last week. It is thought it is a "double-life" torpedo—if it misses the mark it is fired at it becomes a sort of floating mine.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S PICTURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Admiralty experts are examining the new German torpedo. The torpedo is 12 feet long with two propellers. On its nose is a picture of Mr. Chamberlain with his umbrella.

Experts assert that the torpedo has a double purpose — if it fails to hit its objective it becomes a floating mine exploding when struck.—Havas.

ROYAL NAVY ACTIVE OFF DENMARK

London, To-day.

It is now known that the German freighter Edmund Hugo Stinnes was sunk early Sunday morning by the British submarine off the west coast of Jutland. She was bound for a Danish port with a cargo of coke.

The captain of the ship was "arrested" by the submarine, but the crew of 20 were allowed to get to shore in their lifeboats; there were no casualties.

Three warning shots were fired by the submarine and when the ship did not stop, a fourth was fired, hitting her. She stopped.

The crew were given 15 minutes to get away. The ship went down slowly and some of the crew had time to make a return trip to take off some clothes and belongings.

Another German freighter has been put out of action. She is the Ostpreussen and, like the Edmund Hugo Stinnes, was carrying a cargo of coke.

She sprang a leak off the Danish coast while zig-zagging to evade British warships, and the captain had to run her aground.

The crew of 30 are still on board and are trying to refloat her.—Reuter.

*** A vessel of 3,030 tons, the Ostpreussen (ex Merak) was built at Bolnes in 1920. Registered at Konigsberg, she is 324 feet long and is owned by the firm of "Poseldon;" she is one of the company's biggest ships.

BELGIANS FIRE AT FOREIGN PLANE

Brussels, To-day.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire yesterday at an aeroplane of unknown nationality flying at a great height about one and a half miles south of the capital. — Reuter.

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Second Article - On the Gestapo in Poland

PREPARING THE NAZI INVASION

By

Konrad Wrzos



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INEXPENSIVE SATISFYING

PREFECT Kowalski then raised the question of the German bribery of the weaker elements of the population. "The disintegration of Poland," he said, "took place in two ways. Efforts to corrupt the feeble conscience afforded no appreciable results. Therefore, the Germans tried—this time with success—to envenom the internal quarrels. Before the war, there were certain groups and also individuals who did not realise that they were being influenced by the Gestapo."

A fact that must not be lost sight of is that the German propaganda was carefully concerned with the totalitarian and ethnical movement and even with the social problems envisaged from the Nazi viewpoint.

Furthermore, the Germans had installed in Poland several agents who posed as Poles; having lived in the country for many years and speaking the language fluently, they noisily proclaimed their patriotic feelings for Poland, their native country as they said. In reality, these were Germans who were working for the Reich. Some of them, however, had never been engaged in espionage before the war, and even avoided any kind of contact with the Reich and its inhabitants. They unmasked themselves at the beginning of hostilities.

Mr. Kowalski tells that one of these spies was before the war a reputed and well-known tradesman in Warsaw. He met him in September in one of the city streets, wearing the Gestapo uniform. Another, said to be a Polish banker, served as interpreter between a German officer and Polish prisoners. One of the best known film actors, extremely popular with the Warsaw public, is now working for the Gestapo. This would explain why he had been engaged to make films in Germany, for neither his voice nor his talent are worth much.

"Among these German agents," continued Mr. Kowalski, "there are many industrialists, representatives of important firms, waiters, hairdressers and taxidivers. In certain cases, they have been clever enough to secure official posts. But the preparatory work was done in the first place by the Reich itself. Special camps were set up for the young Germans in Poland, where they were given special training. They passed their holidays in the Free City of Danzig, where, as is well known, traffic was not controlled. These young Germans deposited their Polish passports at the German consulate in Danzig, and they received in exchange German passports."

The training took place as follows: the programme included, first, a study of the Nazi doctrine, propaganda, espionage and also the handling of arms. In this way, some 500 Polish citizens were instructed during the period of peace and friendship between the two countries. Simultaneously, the Reich trained on its own territory German saboteurs for the purposes of the war; these were hundred per cent Germans, Nazis aged from 17 to 24 years, who

were taught the Polish language, the geography and the history of Poland. The students were divided into groups, each of which studied a given sector, that for which they would be appointed later. This was how, during the war, it was possible to explain how the parachutist saboteurs spoke perfect Polish, and knew their country to the point of not being obliged to ask for directions. They went straight to-

wards the assigned objectives. These saboteurs were also expert in the handling of arms and explosives and in military signals. They were attached to special auxiliary sections of German divisions stationed in Poland. At the moment of the Polish bombardments, there were some 10,000 of these men, thoroughly and completely organised in every detail. Some of them had been instructed to pose as Polish refugees; others were to figure as agents of the Polish police. Prefect Kowalski even relates that certain false agents arrested and brought before him, stated that they had received their Polish uniforms in Germany where the latter had been made; when crossing the Polish frontier, they had seized the uniforms of the frontier guards. The object of these saboteurs was to create a panic in Poland.

"The Germans have succeeded only too well in carrying out this infernal plan, prepared at length and leaving nothing to chance. It is quite certain that they hope to apply the same methods to other countries. This is what must be avoided."

Continuing his disclosures, Prefect Kowalski read me passages of his report on the work of the Gestapo in Poland before the war.

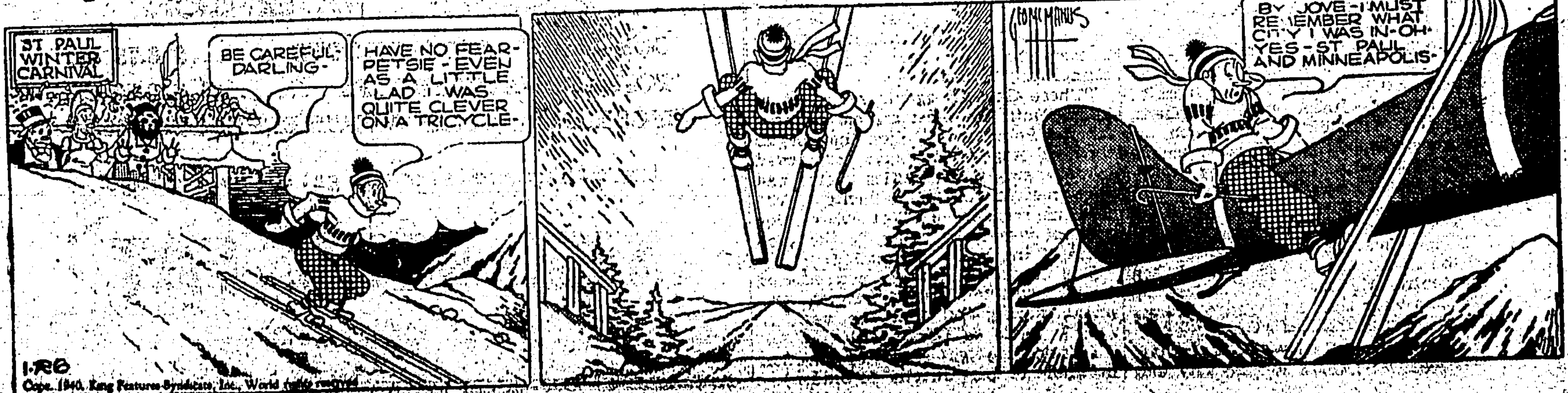
"Some months before the war, the Gestapo undertook a special mission in Poland. They began to provoke the Poles against the Germans so that the Polish police authorities should initiate reprisals against the German minorities; for instance, German factory owners proceeded to the maltreatment of the Polish workers.

"I myself noted open provocations. For instance, one of the greatest German factories, which has two branches, in Poznan and in Pomerania, published a periodical in which there was the question of the return of these two Polish provinces to the Reich; this naturally gave rise to certain reactions on the part of the Poles and there were cases in which German shopwindows were smashed."

Mr. Kowalski recognised among those arrested not only Poles, but also the German agents, who attempted to justify their action as designed to de-

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Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

PREPARING THE NAZI INVASION

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send the German minorities in Poland.

"During the last days of August 1939, orders were given for violent proceedings. The Gestapo agents were instructed to destroy various public buildings by explosion, to wreck railway lines, telephone and telegraph cables. This plan, led to certain results. At Katowice and Tarnow, the station buildings were damaged; in other localities, the telephone and telegraph lines suffered. Several attempts failed owing to the apprehension of the German minorities."

The speaker further informed me that this campaign had enabled the Polish authorities to discover the seat of the conspiracy. "Several Nazi agents were unmasked, other centres, unknown till then, were discovered."

And Warsaw finally decided to disband this association of saboteurs, but only at the eleventh hour, that is, during the last days of August 1939.

"The provincial authorities received instructions from Warsaw to arrest and intern the Gestapo leaders and agents in concentration camps . . . but . . ." Here the Prefect's gesture showed that all this had been useless.

"These measures, unfortunately, came too late, for at that very moment the German tanks and planes had already crossed the Polish frontier."

Meanwhile the orders had been carried out, but the Gestapo agents had succeeded in getting away and in gaining the larger towns, already invaded by the German troops, where they met other colleagues, with whom they were to continue their infernal tactics.

"Together with the German army, groups of Gestapo saboteurs entered Poland. Their first action was to create a panic in the occupied towns, to cause the inhabitants to flee and thus to organise a traffic jam which handicapped the movements of the Polish troops."

"In the villages near the great cities and in the country itself, it was possible to meet men in army or police uniforms ordering the inhabitants to leave their homes. In several cases, the sub-prefects had false instructions to compel the peasants to flee to the interior. These instructions applied both to the authorities and to the population."

Here the Prefect quoted the case of a false police agent who had given orders on circulars stolen from his own office. And this was not the worst. In a short time from then there were intrigues which bordered upon the diabolical, namely:

The State broadcasting stations began to launch news designed to create panic. This could only have been done thanks to a methodical preparation with the aid of records reproducing the voices of the real speakers.

This was devilish and only the Germans would have been capable of such methods. It is possible that some people might describe this as ingenious propaganda. But the use of these records achieved its object—namely, panic.

The population of the Polish-German frontier left for the interior of country, taking with it what it could, also its cattle; this caused an extraordinary jam on all the routes. Also the Polish troops were unable to regroup themselves whereas the German troops advanced in the deserted regions. The enemy advance was therefore favoured by this exodus of the population, and it was possible to carry out the plans of the German General Staff. In the fleeing mass of the refugees there were Germans, disguised as soldiers, policemen or civilians, and in their cars, among their goods and chattels, they transported light machine-guns of the same type as those used by the German army.

"These false refugees, having crossed the Polish lines, were able to reach the centre of Poland and to take up quarters with Germans whose address had been procured beforehand."

During the first weeks of their stay, they have no signs of activity and

DUTCH KEEP WATCH ON NAZI PLANES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

A direct Amsterdam/Berlin air service has now been in operation for several days and planes are operating on a daily schedule transporting freight.

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"Planes flying over Dutch territory must be of a certain fixed type and follow a carefully drawn route."

Furthermore, all air liners must be operated by permanent crews, the names of whom must be submitted to the Dutch Government for approval.

The sternness of the Dutch control is emphasized by the fact that a German plane put on the Amsterdam line but not conforming to the fixed type had to return to Germany after warning shots were fired at it by Dutch anti-aircraft batteries. —Havas.

U.S. AIRCRAFT EXPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The United States Department of Commerce announced that aeronautical exports during January were valued at \$25,480,817 — the second largest monthly total ever recorded. It was only 10% under the record total in December 1939. The principal markets for American aeroplanes in January were the Allies, with France leading the list with \$12,053,978 and the United Kingdom next with \$4,040,912. Australia bought \$2,733,149 and Canada \$1,512,536.

Others listed were: Turkey \$1,116,641; Sweden \$1,113,871; Finland \$1,047,651; China \$497,993; Brazil 233,743, and Japan at the bottom of the list with \$200,152.

Aircraft exported during January totalled 233 units valued at \$17,574,469. Of these, 205 were complete land planes valued at \$15,877,784. 27 land planes were exported without engines.

China's main purchase was aeroplane engines, of which she took 34 valued at \$372,752. —Havas.

INFANTRY FIRE ON THE RHINE

London, To-day.

Last night's French official communique states: "Local artillery actions on various points of the front. Infantry fire along the Rhine. Activity of both aviations." —British Wireless.

remained perfectly quiet; but, on the moonlit nights succeeding the violent bomb raids of the day, their presence was manifested in an unusual way; from time to time, it was possible to note the passing gleam of electric lamps on certain chimney stacks. These were signals for the enemy reconnoitring planes.

"These German agents remained in hiding until the most critical moment for the Polish army; then they began their sabotage. They also succeeded in provoking street battles. Some had even received orders to incite to actual insurrection in cities, where this attempt was futile owing to the good sense of the Polish population."

The object of these premeditated tactics was to justify German reprisals during and after the war.

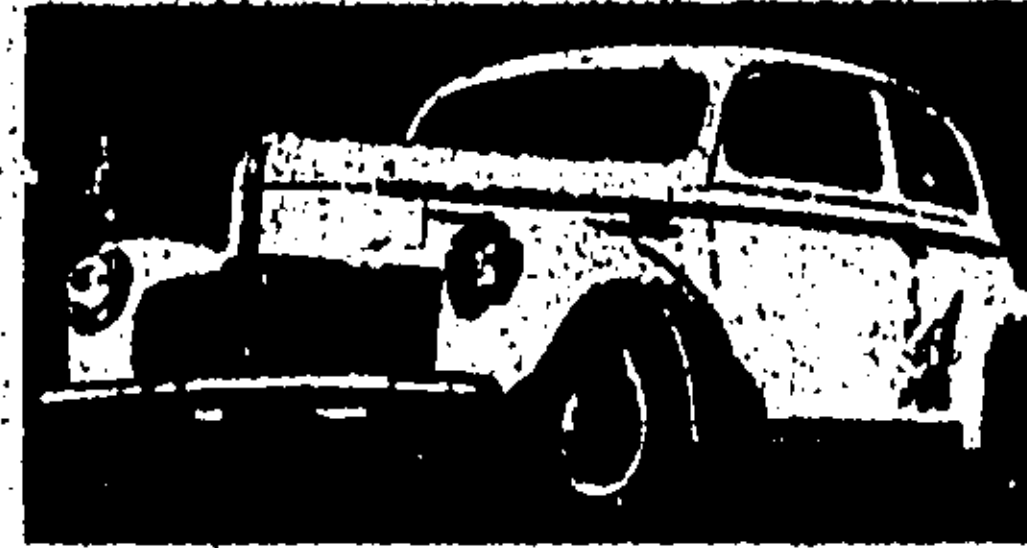
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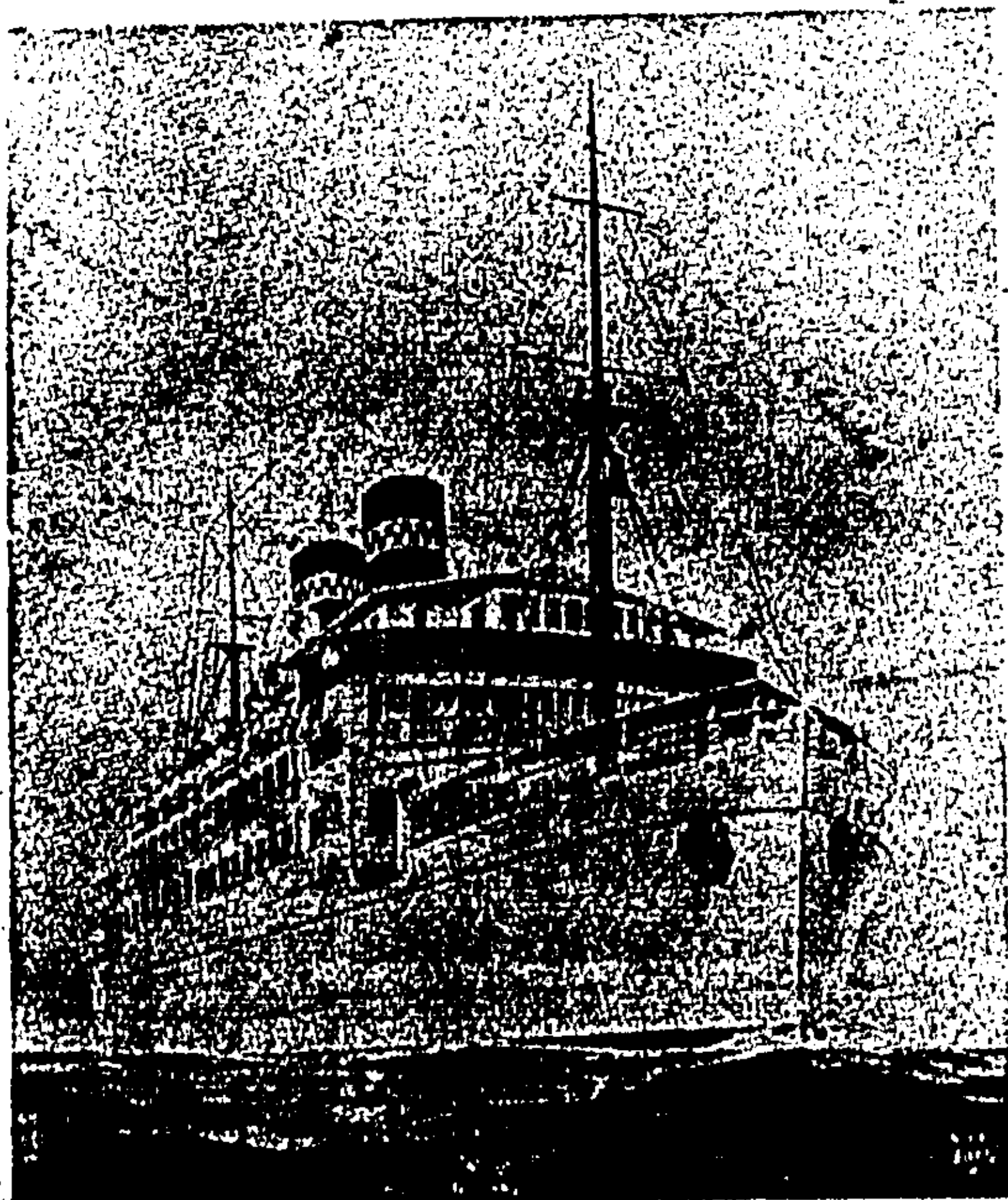
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NO REASON FOR RUMOURS OF CABINET CHANGE

London, To-day.

FOR SOME DAYS SEVERAL newspapers have been canvassing the possibility of some reconstruction of the Government in the near future. It is suggested the Prime Minister may have been impressed by the anxiety expressed by a number of speakers in recent debates for a smaller War Cabinet.

Individual Ministers have in a few cases been the subject of press suggestions to the effect that they were not best suited to the particular tasks of their office.

Elsewhere the suggestion appears that the Premier may wish to broaden the basis of the Government by enlisting the services of some of the opposition leaders who, it will be recalled, declined when invited to take office in the early days of the war.

In most cases the speculations reflect the views and wishes of a particular newspaper and their publication is no reason for supposing that these or other ministerial changes are in fact under consideration.

ONLY CONSIDERATION

In his speech in the Commons a week ago Mr. Chamberlain said he would be just as determined and just as persistent during this war in achieving the purpose of the Allies as he was in trying to keep the peace before war started, and it may be assumed that the only consideration which would weigh with him in deciding if any reorganisation of his Ministry might be desirable or not, what form such reorganisation if any should take, and when it should be carried out, would be whether it would increase the country's war effort. — British Wireless.

NEW CRAFT TO FOIL THE NAZIS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AS A RESULT OF NAZI PLANE ATTACKS ON DEFENCELESS LIGHTSHIPS ROUND THE BRITISH COAST, A NEW TYPE OF VESSEL HAS BEEN BUILT AND IS NOW ON VIEW IN GREAT YARMOUTH HARBOUR.

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HANGOE ONLY EXAMPLE IN HISTORY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PROUD UNITY OF THE FINNISH PEOPLE, TO WHOM LORD HALIFAX YESTERDAY SENT A BROADCAST MESSAGE, AND THEIR NO LESS EXTRAORDINARY DISCIPLINE IN THE FACE OF THE HUMILIATION PEACE THAN IN RESISTING AGGRESSION, IS BEING DEMONSTRATED IN REPORTS OF THE ORDERLY WHOLESAL EVACUATION OF THE CEDED AREAS DESPITE DIFFICULTIES OF TRANSPORT AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ALREADY EXISTING REFUGEE PROBLEM.

Most remarkable story comes from Hango which, it is said, has been handed over to the Soviets without a single one of the many thousand inhabitants remaining to live under Russian rule.

It is not certain if history provides any previous example of a town of the size of Hango being abandoned spontaneously by all its citizens upon its transfer to another state.

This popular movement is a crushing answer to the Soviet's erstwhile claim to be liberating the Finns from the Helsinki Government.

It is also reported that the Finnish permanent representative at the seat of the League of Nations has handed in a Note expressing Finland's thanks for the help which states members found themselves able to accord her in resisting aggression which the League condemned and asking for League assistance in the work of reconstruction. — British Wireless.

make it a more difficult mark for Germans trying to put it out of action. — Reuter.

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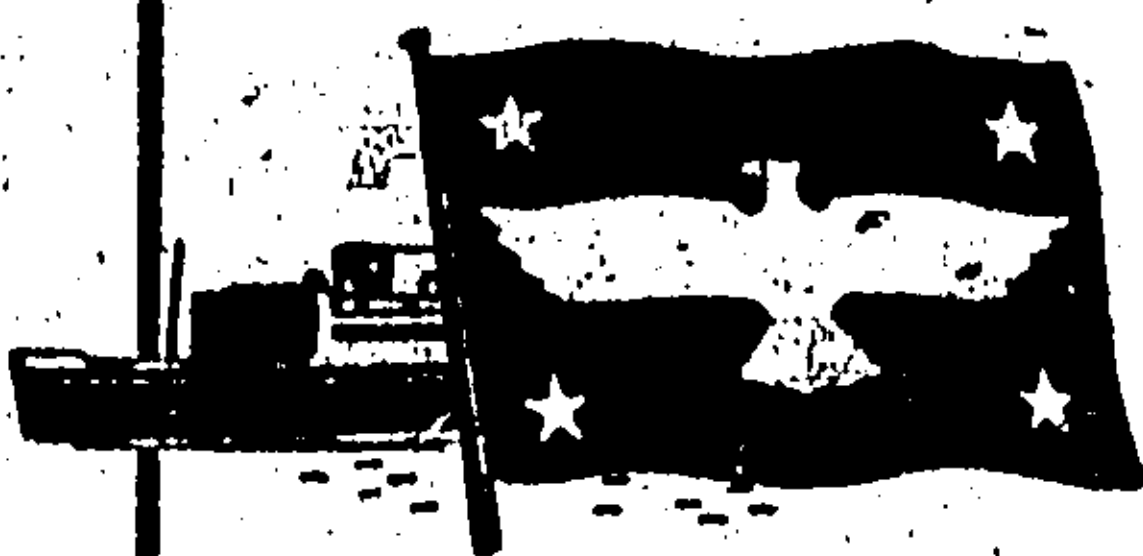
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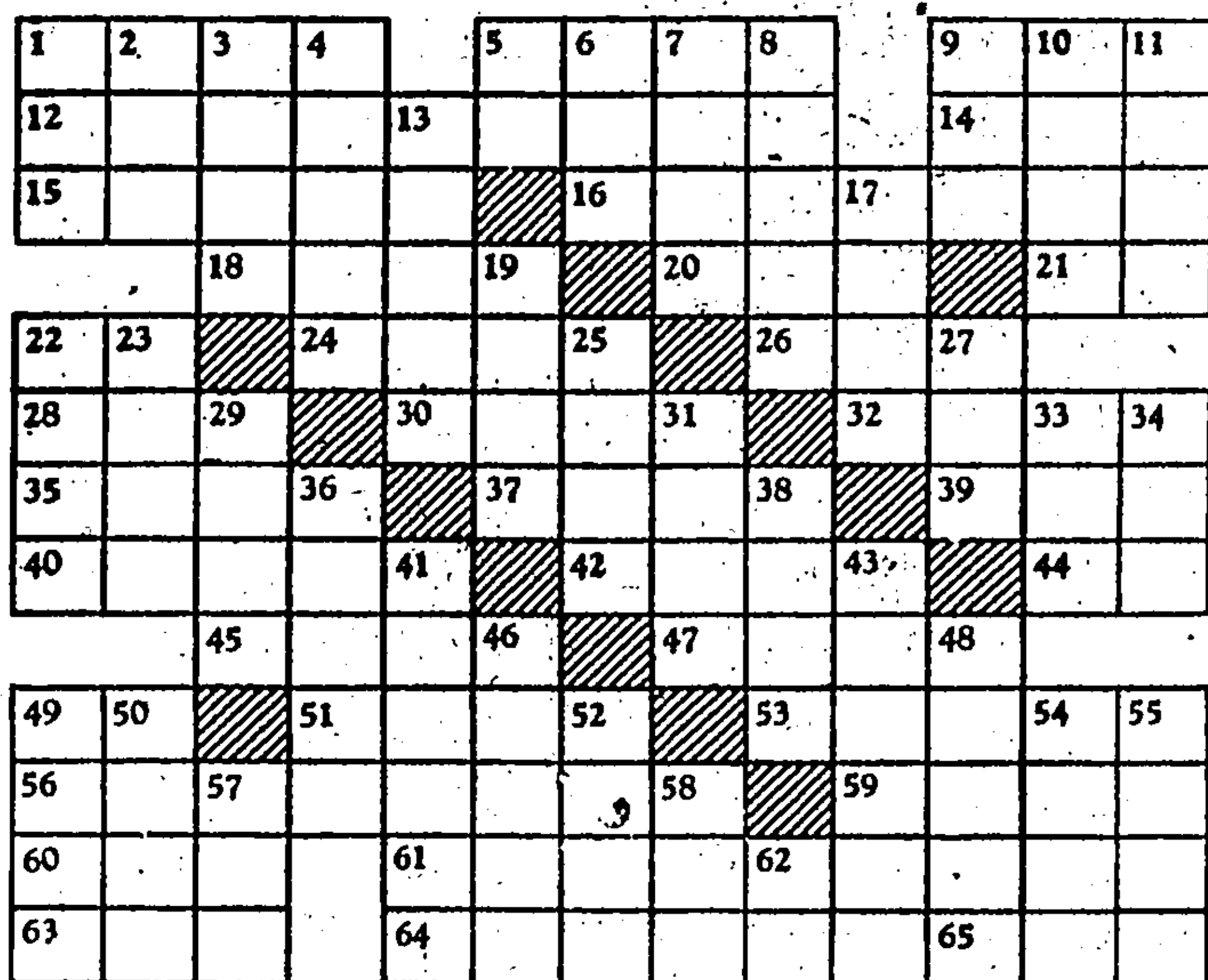
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- 49 Earth goddess

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- 51 Recompense
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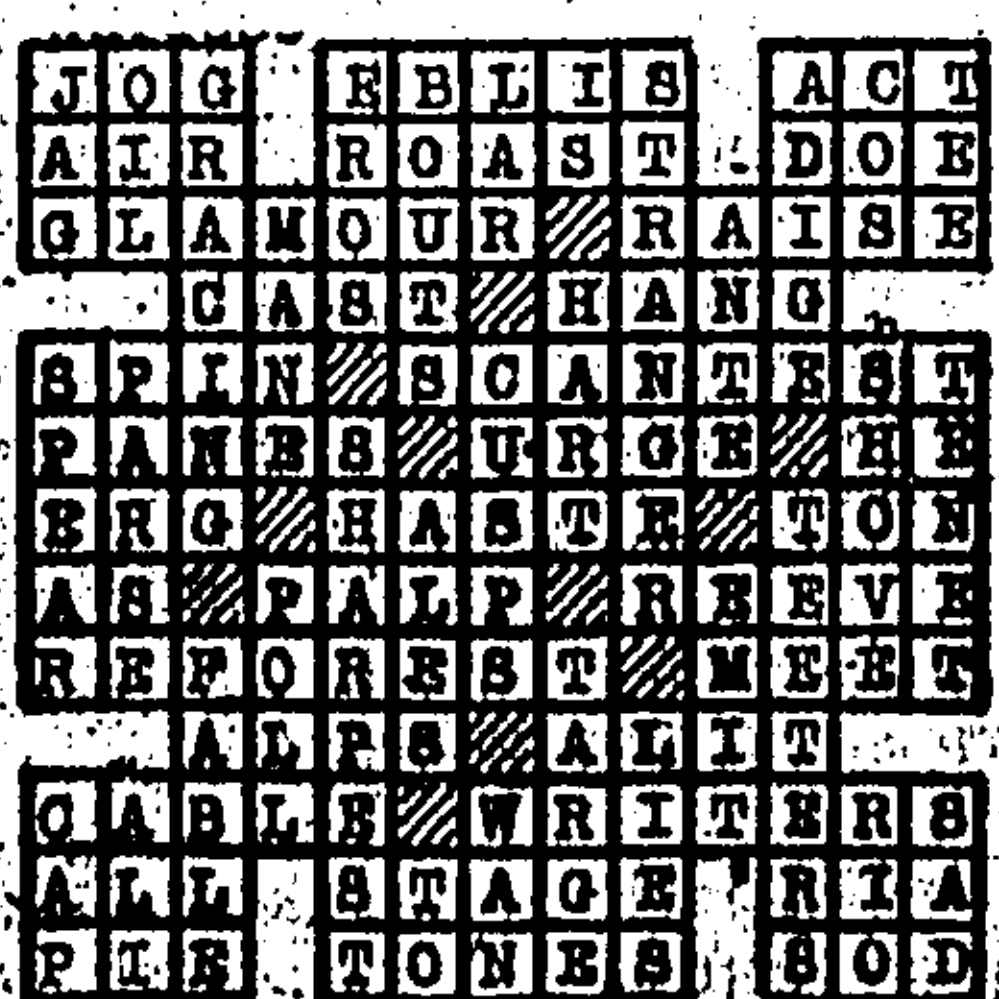
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- 10 War god

VERTICAL

- 11 Mexican money
- 13 Thigh bone
- 17 Platform
- 19 Dross
- 22 To whip
- 23 In shelter
- 25 Twist
- 27 Cooking vessel
- 29 Flat piece of ground
- 31 Earth
- 33 Watch pocket
- 34 Some
- 36 Border
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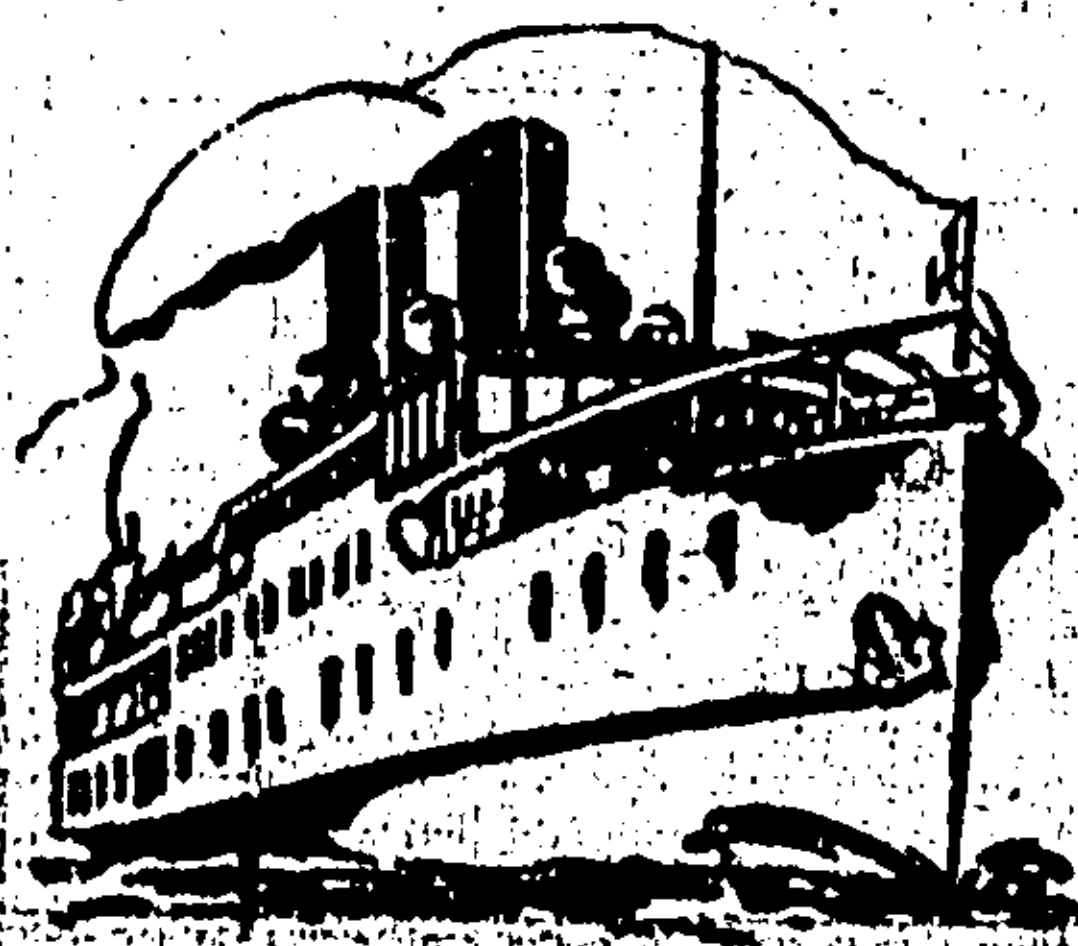
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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

CHINA'S EASY WIN AGAINST SCOTLAND

BEFORE A FAIR CROWD, CHINA won the Sunday Herald International Charity cup for the third time in succession when a strong side overwhelmed Scotland in the final at Sookunpoo yesterday by 7 goals to 2.

Ip Pak-wah in place of Lai Shui-wing was the only change made in the Chinese team but for Scotland Holden, Fleming and Falconer were brought in, in place of Parnaby, Tait and Coull.

There was a complete lack of combination in Scotland's team as was natural to expect from a side which have not played together before, but, in spite of the heavy defeat, Scotland never gave up and in the closing stages of the game did some attacking.

Scotland's outstanding player was Duncan who gave a sound display

Yesterday's gate receipts, realised over \$2,200 but the gates had to be closed before the game owing to the unsafe state of the uncovered stand.

particularly in the opening periods of the game. He was injured in the first half but was able to carry on later.

Blackburn was the better of the two backs and cleared his lines with his hard kicking while Bone played better than he has done for some time.

The intermediate line could not cope with the positional play of the Chinese and were often drawn out of position. Birrell at right half worked hard while Falconer in the pivotal position, in spite of the gruelling time he received, did as well as could be expected.

PICK OF ATTACK

Pryde and Munro on the right wing were the pick of the attack. Fleming and Ferrier, on the left, worked hard but the whole line was slow against the tackling of the Chinese defenders.

Fung King-cheong, the Chinese inside right, made a welcome return after an absence of three weeks. He showed that he was still in good form and made all the moves for the Chinese attack. Chung Yung-sum, on the right wing, was below form but sent over some good centres.

Chan Tak-fai, in the leader's berth, was very active and needed continual watching.

The Chinese scored first through Chan Tak-fai and shortly after Fung King-cheong scored from a penalty. Ip Pak-wah netted the third goal before the interval.

In the second period, Chinese went further ahead through Chan Tak-fai and Fung King-cheong (2) before Scotland scored through Fleming. Ferrier added another shortly afterwards. Hau Chin-to scored the last goal for China.

At the conclusion of the game the cup was presented to Hsu King-seng, by Mrs. G. C. Burnett.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 25/32.

The Saturday cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$368-3/8.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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POLICE RESERVIST CHARGED

AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING, HO SO, A POLICE RESERVIST, WAS CHARGED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, WITH THREATENING TO ACCUSE ANOTHER OF A CRIME TO EXTORT MONEY AND SECONDLY WITH DEMANDING MONEY WITH MENACES.

Mr. E. H. Williams, assisted by Inspector Hopkins, was for the prosecution, while accused was represented by Hon Mr. Leo d'Almada instructed by Hon. Mr. M. K. I.O. The jury was composed of Messrs. S. Berg (foreman), Yu Fook-chiu, A. Minnot, J. W. Bendred, G. H. Silva, F. Revell and W. A. Fox.

Mr. Williams said accused was a police reservist and together with a tall and a short man visited 184 Queen's Road West on January 29 at about 9 a.m. The flat was occupied by Chan Sik-tin, his concubine, her brother and mother. In addition there was an amah and principal tenant on the floor. Chan Sik-tin had lived elsewhere but in August came to the Colony and resided at the above address.

When the men called they shouted for his name and the amah went to the door. She was told they were police and wanted to see Chan as he was wanted by the inspector for questioning. The brother came and asked for proof. Accused showed him a silver Police badge through a peephole, and the men were admitted. Accused told the brother he was lucky they were the three who came on the errand for had it been others they would have hit him. At this, accused slapped his hip and displayed a revolver asking if that was not sufficient proof. The brother was pushed into the kitchen and told to shut up.

The three men went to complainant's room and told him he was wanted at the Police station to answer question. Chan was reluctant to go. Chan, followed by his concubine and the three men, went out but instead of going to the police station they went to the Empress Hotel.

Chan's mother-in-law, anxious, told the amah and principal tenant to follow the party and later sent her son out as well. At the hotel the amah and tenant walked about as they had been told not to come up by one of the men. When the brother arrived he did not go to the room but returned to his mother. They discussed things and decided to go to the Police Station themselves. As a result a detective was sent to the Hotel and accused, who was the only one with Chan, was arrested.

After the arrival of the party at the hotel, Chan was accused of shooting a man in the country but was told that for \$1000 he would not be taken to the Station. Chan denied the accusation and after some bargaining it was agreed that \$500 be paid down and the balance later.

In the earlier stages of the conversation, when Chan refused to accede to their request, the tall man left the room on the pretence of telephoning the Police. He was not seen again.

The wife agreed to pay \$500 and the balance later. The short man accompanied her downstairs to get the money but at the entrance to the hotel they were met by the amah and principal tenant who informed them the police had been informed and it was no use going home for money. The short man then left and had not been seen since.

Accused was arrested and taken to Police station. On him was found a silver badge and his revolver.

The case is proceeding.

FLOATING MINES WARNING

A warning issued by the Harbour Office this morning says: "Various reports indicate the existence of floating mines in the vicinity of Chulukok Island and the approaches to West Lamma Channel as far south as Latitude 20.10 North. The number of mines is not indicated."

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a shallow depression is indicated to the north of Okhima. The anticyclone has divided into two parts situated respectively in the Pacific to the east of the Bonins and over China, where pressure is again increasing.

NEW POST FOR PUPPET

Peiping, To-day.

Wang Keh-min, after his return to Peiping from Nanking, is scheduled to convene a meeting at which he will make a report on the central political conference and important matters relating to the North China political council — the body which will take the place of the Peiping provisional government.

Dissolution of the Peiping provisional government is expected to be formally announced on Friday and the North China political council, it is expected, will come into existence on April 1.

Sources in close contact with the provisional government say it was decided in Nanking that Wang Keh-min should be appointed chairman of the North China political council and concurrently superintendent of the department of the interior. It had previously repeatedly been rumoured that Wang Keh-min was to resign on the inauguration of the new central regime. — Reuter.

WANG BACK IN PEIPING (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

Wang Keh-min, accompanied by Chu Shen and General Chi Hsueh-yuan, respectively Ministers of Justice and Public Order in the moribund "Peking Provisional Government," returned by aeroplane from Nanking yesterday.

The abolition of the Peking Government is taking place on Friday and the "solemn" inauguration of the autonomous political council will be held the next day.

Most of the personnel for the new council will be drawn from members of the provisional government. — Havas.

LOCAL SHARES

enquiries in local share quotations to—
Following is the list of changes and day:

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Coco Grove Ps. .11 sa.

Consol. Mines Ps. .0035 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. 12½ sa.

East Mindanao Ps. .10 sa.

I.X.L. Ps. 35½ sa.

Ipo Gold Ps. .10 b.

Itogons Ps. 21½ sa.

Masbates Ps. .08¼ sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09½ b.

Mine Operation Ps. .09 sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .18 b.

San Mauricio Ps. .74 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .18 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13 sa.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .02 b.

United Paracales Ps. 24½ b.

REYNAUD TO BROADCAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

France's new Premier, M. Reynaud, will speak over the radio at 8 p.m. Paris time to-day. — Havas.

Mrs. R. R. de L. Liesching, of No. 510, The Peak, has informed the Police that her wrist watch valued at \$80 was snatched by an unknown Chinese at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

ATTEMPTED THEFT FROM CHURCH

A 17-year-old Eurasian, William Boyd, of No. 385, Hennessy Road, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for attempting to steal from collection boxes at the St. Joseph's Church on March 21.

It was alleged that defendant was seen by the caretaker of the Church removing the covers of collection boxes. Defendant was chased and arrested in Garden Road.

Defendant asked the Court to deal with him leniently, because a Police Inspector had promised to get him a job with the Military Authorities.

Mr. Edwards told defendant to see him when he comes out of prison.

Detective Sergeant Walls prosecuted.

CHOPPED TREES DOWN

Ip Ki, 39, unemployed, was charged at the Central Magistracy before Mr.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. M. Pagh of the Peninsula Hotel, was fined \$10 for driving motor car No. 1986 in Ice House Street without an appropriate licence on March 5.

Mr. E. Rocha of Wallace Harper and Company, was fined \$5 for allowing his car to remain longer than necessary in Des Voeux Road Central on March 9.

Mrs. A. Tobias of No. 74, Macdonnell Road, St. Joan's Court, was fined \$5 for leaving her car unattended in Chater Road on March 9.

Miss Julia Pun of No. 4, Seymour Terrace, was fined \$5 for a similar offence.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke prosecuted.

R. Edwards this morning with unlawful possession of three wild trees valued at \$15 at Tytam Gap yesterday.

Sergeant Evans said defendant was arrested by a Chinese Forestry guard with the trees and a chopper in his possession.

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7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Dvorak.
Slavonic Dance No. 16 in A Flat
Major Czech Philharmonic
Orchestra cond. by Vaclav Talich.
Songs My Mother Taught Me, Op.
55, No. 4. Kirsten Flagstad (So-
prano) with Piano.
Quartet in E Flat Major, Op. 51....
Lerner String Quartet.
8.45 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert
with Richard Tauber (Tenor).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on

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Orchestra.
10.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Poor
Old Snell". A Sketch.
10.15 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert &
Sullivan's "The Gondoliers".
From The Sunny Spanish Shore; In
Enterprise of Martial Kind
Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis,
Mavis Bennett and Arthur Hosking.
O Rapture When Alone Together,
There Was A Time.... Mavis Ben-
nett and Arthur Hosking.
I Stole The Prince.... Leo Sheffield,
Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis.

Mavis Bennett & Arthur Hosking.
But, Bless My Heart; Try We Life-
long.... Mavis Bennett, Leo Shef-
field, Henry A. Lytton, Bertha
Lewis and Arthur Hosking.

Dvorak
Quartet

Bridegroom and Bridel.... Chorus.
When A Merry Maiden Marries
.... Alleen Davies and Chorus.
Kind Sir, You Cannot Have The
Heart.... Winifred Lawson.
10.40 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony in D
Major ("Paris"). Sir Thomas Bee-
cham conducting the London Phil-
harmonic Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, To-day.
The following were the results of
games played yesterday.

MIDLAND	
Coventry	10 Luton
West Bromwich	4 Birmingham
EAST MIDLAND	
Lincoln	1 Chesterfield
Notts. F.	1 Barbsley
Rotherham	3 Notts. C.
WESTERN	
Chester	2 Tranmere
Stoke	5 Port Vale
NORTH-WESTERN	
Barrow	4 Blackburn
Carlisle	3 Southport
FRIENDLY GAMES	
Bury	4 Accrington
New Brighton	1 Southport
Blackpool	0 Manchester C.
Cardiff	1 West Bromwich
Leeds	6 Doncaster
Leicester	5 Wednesday
Liverpool	0 Bolton
Manchester U.	5 Preston
Northampton	5 Swindon
Plymouth	3 Army team
Rochdale	3 Oldham
Wolves	2 Everton
Newcastle	2 Sheffield U.
Hallifax	2 Bradford
Yorkshire	4 F.A. XI

—Reuter.

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL

The following is the draw for the
Semi-final of the Scottish cup which
will be played on April 13.

Hearts or Airdrie (At Edinburgh).	v Dundee U.
Rangers (At Hampden Park).	v Motherwell

—Reuter.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's programme of
Colony badminton matches:—

MEN'S DOUBLES
K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew or
H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung v. F. Koh
and C. Y. Yung (King's College, 8
p.m.).
C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin v. C.
Au and Patrick H. Wong (King's
College, 8.30 p.m.).
MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES
W. Gillies v. P. Wynter-Blyth
(King's College, 9 p.m.).

ALL QUIET ON THE N.W. FRONTIER

New Delhi, To-day.
"All quiet in Waziristan" sums up
the present position of operations in
the Ahmedzai salient, where cleaning
up operations against bad characters
across the border were begun on
Friday last.
Though it is still too early to fore-
cast a lasting improvement it is
evident that the heavy casualties sus-
tained by raiding bands have had a
sobering effect.
The gangs in question consisted
mainly of criminals and outlaws and
they had been using the Ahmedzai
district as a base for operations. —
Reuter.

PUPPET BODY FOR NORTH CHINA

Peiping, To-day.
A North China political council is
being formed early in April, accord-
ing to reports current here.
It will take the place of the Peiping
provisional government which has
been dissolved.



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advantage in its favour. The bidding
may have given a club, or, as was the
case in to-day's hand, it may simply
be a question of pure mathematics.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ Q 8 2			
♥ A K J			
♦ 9 8 8			
♣ A Q J 4			
♠ 10 9 6 5	N	♠ K J 7 4	
♥ 10 8 7 4	W	♥ Q 9 5 3	
♦ K	E	♦ 7 6 2	
♣ 9 7 3 2	S	♣ 10 6	
♠ A 3			
♥ 6 2			
♦ A Q J 10 5 4			
♣ K 8 5			

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Against six diamonds West made
the only embarrassing lead — namely,
a spade. The Queen was played from
dummy, East covered
and South won with
the Ace. Declarer
was now forced
with the choice of two
finesses. It he took
the trump finesse and
it proved successful,
he would make a
Grand Slam, as the
losing spade would be
discarded on dummy's club suit. On
the other hand, he might get rid of

the spade by a successful heart finesse.
Pondering on which finesse to take,
South finally concluded that there was
one slight advantage in adopting the
heart play. There was a chance that
the diamond King might be singleton.
Declarer therefore laid down the
diamond Ace with the further inten-
tion of taking the heart finesse if the
King did not drop. To his joy, the King
fell and now no finesse was needed.

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner
Saturday and Sunday:

♠ x x x
♥ x x
♦ A Q x x
♣ A K x x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four
spades. Your partner has rebid his
suit, and although you have but three
small spades, your fine side strength
justifies this bid.

Score 100% for four spades, 70%
for three spades, 60% for three clubs
(unnecessary,) 0 for any other bid.
QUESTION NO. 367

Merwin Maier is your partner and
you hold:

♠ x x
♥ x x
♦ J 9 8 7 x x
♣ K J x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	(?)	
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)			

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CONFUSION BAY'S FINE SHOWING

Mr. L. Dunbar's Confusion Bay (Mr. Black up) very nearly caused a major upset at yesterday's races when it dead-heated with Quartermaster's Burford (Mr. Pih up), Champions winner and hot favourite, in the Easter Stakes over a mile. Receiving an advantage of 10 lb. in weight, Confusion Bay made a brilliant recovery after being passed in the home straight and its powerful burst over the last 50 yards gave it a meritorious triumph—only one pony has beaten Burford, Satinlight in the Derby.

There were 1,683 win tickets on Burford and 190 on Confusion Bay, which was fourth favourite. Burford paid \$6.10 and Confusion Bay \$15.10.

The dual winners were the only ones to have a canter prior to the start, which saw eight of the nine entries—Craigavad did not accept—get away in a line. Spicylight (Mr. Wei), which had drawn the rails position, attempted to go out as pace-maker, only to be displaced by Mount Hope Bay (Mr. Proulx) at the football stands. These two were setting a fast pace and Satinlight (Mr. Hearne), leading the remainder of the field, was quite four lengths behind, followed closely by Burford, Eve of Harvest (Mr. Poy) and Confusion Bay.

SPICYLIGHT FALTERS

Burford went up to third place when nearing the Rock and at the 1¼ mile starting gate Spicylight faltered badly and Confusion Bay, going very nicely, was slowly overhauling Mount Hope Bay, which had by this time a lead of six lengths. Entering the home straight Mount Hope Bay was leading, followed by Confusion Bay on the outside and Burford on the rails, but it was soon apparent that the race was between Burford and Confusion Bay, which, despite running wide, had a small advantage. Opposite the public stand Burford, hugging the rails, had its neck in front and it held this advantage until the last 50 yards, when Confusion Bay, still well on the outside, in order to make use of the harder ground, drew level with a last, determined effort, and the judges could not separate them at the post.

In the meanwhile Mount Hope Bay received little opposition and finished third, three lengths behind, with Spicylight, which staged a comeback over the last quarter, fourth, and Gretber (Mr. Chao), which had run last for four-fifths of the race, fifth. Eve of Harvest was sixth, Satinlight, third favourite, seventh and Eve of Heaven (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) eighth.

REGULAR RIDER MISSED

Satinlight's eclipse was indeed remarkable as it appeared to be in excellent condition when walking to the start, and, on the face of this result, it appears as if Mr. "Boojie" Moller's riding was more responsible for its successes at the Annual Meeting than its own capabilities, and also that Mr. Hearne, first string rider for the Circle stable, made a wrong choice when he took out Satinlight instead of Spicylight.

Burford, which appeared short of a gallop, would probably have won outright had Mr. Pih kept closer to Mount Hope Bay instead of calling on his mount for a big effort when going up to Rock. Burford finished tired and would have been beaten over another five yards.

The time of 1.54.3 was 3-1/5 secs. slower than Burford's record, but this

JENNIFER—DISQUALIFIED—

Quartermaster's Jennifer (Mr. Black up), winner of the Boa Vista Handicap section yesterday, was disqualified for crossing following a protest.

The official result was:

1. Marber's Jobber (Mr. Chao)
2. Cocoa's King Kong (Mr. H. M. Botelho)
3. Lan's Peaceful View (Mr. H. C. Pih)

was due almost entirely to the heavy track.

A comparison of the times is as follows:

27.3	55.2	1.23.3	1.51.2
26.2	54.2	1.23.0	1.54.3

A total of \$25,070 was invested in this race by the betting public, the order of merit being:

	Win	Place
Burford	1683	865
Spicylight	469	314
Satinlight	377	322
Confusion Bay	190	211
Mount Hope Bay	154	134
Eve of Harvest	59	83
Gretber	49	64
Eve of Heaven	15	25
Totals	2996	2018

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:—

OPEN SINGLES

J. S. Theobald v. O. Umietani (5); Leung Ping-chiu v. J. B. Gonsalves (7); H. D. Rumjahn v. Marsland Ma (8).

HANDICAP SINGLES

C. H. R. Hyde, —30 v. L. M. S. Lloyd, —2.6 (1); D. M. Macdougall, —15.2 v. P. Wynter-Blyth, —2.6 (2); T. J. Gould, —30 v. R. C. Beavan, —2.6 (3); T. C. Monaghan, —4.6 v. J. J. Ferguson, —15.2 (6).

CHINESE FAVOURED TO WIN GIRLS' INTERNATIONAL

(By "GRANDSTAND")

IT'S ALMOST A certainty that the Chinese Cuties will again cop the Championship and the Molthen Cup this year as I cannot see any other combination strong enough to take them to town. Portugal may do it, but I have much doubts!

I give the edge on the Chinese battery of Mary Louie and Doris Mar or Dot Louie over Therese Noronha and Cynthia Motta of Portugal. Mary Louie has more speed on the ball and has more stuff on the pill, although Therese Noronha is steeper, as she has proven this season, with only 28 walks in the 16 games she pitched for Wahooks. I consider Doris Mar a much better hind snatcher than Cynthia Motta and Doris' peg to second is deadlier than Cynthia's.

China will have a million dollar infield with Lily "Sunshine" Mar at the initial station, Sister Gloria at the middle post, Mable Louie, who is rated the best third sacker in the Girls' League, probably at the hot corner, and diminutive May Chung at the windy alley. With the exception of the key-stone position, Portugal will have a strong infield with Irene Pereira at first base, Irene Costello at the hot corner and Margaret Oliveira guarding the windy gap.

With the hickory I again give China the edge. Portugal has only three good hitters in Margaret Oliveira, Irene Pereira and Irene Costello, while China has a bunch of sluggers in the Mar sisters, Lily, Doris, Mary and Gloria and Ullan Khoo. May Chung and the Louie sisters, Mary, Mabel and Dot can also be depended to wield the willow wand.

In the outfield Portugal is a bit weak compared with the Chinese outfielders which

DING-DONG ENCOUNTER: CANUCKS START SHORT

(By "GRANDSTAND")

DESPITE the slippery condition of the ground three softball games were played on Sunday, the Recreio Bees-Canadian Chinese tilt furnishing the highlight of a curtailed programme.

Bungling nine chances to the opposition's two miscues Recreio Bees were somewhat lucky to top Canadian Chinese, 11-9, in a ding-dong encounter. The "Canucks" started with only seven players and it was not until the third inning that they were able to field the necessary nine.

The Junior Rambling Rees started production in the initial frame with four runs on two hits and three walks off Herbie Quon, and The "Maple Leafs" were blanked in their turn to bat in the first inning. Recreio pushed one more tally in the second, and C.C.C. rallied with five counts in the second canto to tie the score and to put some interest in the game. Recreio scored two more in the third and the Canucks, not to be outdone, replied with the same number of runs to keep the score knotted 7-7. The Bees managed to annexed three more runs in the fourth, while the Canadians could only forge two runs in this frame to be left one run in arrears. Mike Mendonca crossed the plate in the fifth stanza to give Recreio Bees a two-run lead which they maintained till the end.

QUON INJURED

Herbie Quon started on the mound for the "Maple Leafs" but had to yank himself in the third frame after he allowed two Annie Oakleys in a row. Herbie complained of a bad knee and it is doubtful that he will be able to play for China in the forthcoming International series. Kassa Nazarin took over the assignment on the slab but his deliveries proved to be easy meat for the Junior Rec sluggers who clouted nine hits off Kassa out of the 15 blows made by the Mikemen in the fray.

Jacky Noronha was steadier on the rubber for Recreio. He was nicked for nine safeties, struck out one and walked three. Herbie fanned five and walked four while Nazarin gave two free passes.

The only Ruthian clout of the game was rapped by Coney Pereira and was Coney surprised and happy about it. "The first homer I have ever knocked in my life and

SCORES AT A GLANCE

Recreio "B" 11, Canadian Chinese 9
Hong Kong Ball Club 15, Liga 0
FRIENDLY
Great Britain 14, U.S.A. 8

perhaps the last," retorted Coney after he had caught his breath. Jackie Noronha banged a triple and Prata and Robert Marques doubled for the other long distance blows of the game.

Two dazzling double killings were pulled by the Bees. In their first inning Johnny Fonseca caught a fly off Kassa Nazarin's bat and doubled G. G. Lee at the hot corner with Prata assisting. In the last frame Al. Alvares disposed of Luke Bunn and caught Enoch napping at the keystone cushion.

R. H. E.
Recreio "B" 4 1 2 3 1 0 0-11 15 9
C. Chinese 0 5 2 2 0 0 0-9 9 2
Rightfielder Santos of Liga spoiled Frankie Gonzales' no run, no hit performance when he hit the pellet right through the pitcher's box for the only hit registered by Liga when Hong Kong Ball Club overwhelmed the boys from Peking Road in a 15-0 shutout.

H.B.C. TAKE IT EASY

Hong Kong Ball Club had easy sailing all the way and did not take the game seriously; they even fielded A. M. Omar out in the right cabbage patch where A. M. did some fancy, too dancing on the slippery ground trying to catch a fly and to our surprise he hung on to the cow hide once.

Lefty Coelho was on the hillock for Liga and was touched for 12 hits, fanned one and walked one. Frankie Gonzales also gave one free ticket to first and struck out none. Dave Leonard marred an errorless game for his team when he heaved a wild throw to first base for this only error, chalked up against his team. Liga booted six times. George Souza and Dave Leonard were cheated of a home run each on account of the slippery condition of the C.B.A. ground. They were only able to negotiate third base after the ball were rolling over the fence.

The only double play of the tilt was completed by brothers Terry and Dave Leonard in the third frame to get rid of Santos and hurler Coelho.

"Showboat" All took batting honours with three hits in five times up.

R. H. E.
Ball Club 0 0 6 3 2 0 4-15 12 1
Liga 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 1 6

In a practice game in preparation for the coming International series Great Britain subdued United States of America, 14-8, on Sunday at the C.B.A. ground. U.S.A. did not have their full team out while Great Britain was well represented by at least 20 players.

In the absence of Doc Molthen, the first string U.S.A. chucker, Jughaid Cogdill and "Paintpot" Thomas took turns on the mound, and it was evident that these two were no hurlers when they yielded 14 hits to the Brits and between the two of them only whiffed two and walked three.

Denham Cray and "Smudge" Smith were on the slab for Britain and Captain Joe Higgins of the British camp will do well in starting Cray on the mound in the International game. Cray is a new flinger but has plenty of speed and a lot of twist on that old apple. "Smudge" and Cray fanned four and walked four.

"Highpockets" Wilson, the star U.S. or the Hong Kong All American left-fielder homered for the losers, while Stan Leonard and George White clouted one round tripper each for the victors.

The Great Britain team looked very impressive to me and with the big turn out they have should be able to field a strong team in the International series.

R. H. E.
Britain 0 1 2 2 8 1 0-14 14 5
U.S.A. 3 0 2 1 0 0 2-8 6 5

SECOND T.T. HOCKEY MATCH

Second game of the Triangular Hockey Tournament, between Club and Army, will be played to-morrow on Club ground, King's Park, at 5.15.

Following will represent Club:—V. M. Benwell, D. Fowler and E. V. Reed; J. Pennington, W. A. Reed and N. Whitley; G. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, G. H. Fowler, B. J. Bickford and E. A. Bates.

HOCKEY

MACAO'S LATE RECOVERY

Civilians Score Twice; Macao Rally And Win

WILLIE REED AND ALMADA IN FINE FORM FOR H.K. SIDE

(By "ADREM")

ONLY A FINE LATE RECOVERY yesterday saved the Macao Interport hockey team from their second defeat in Hong Kong. They were led 2-0 in the second half of their game with Civilians, after a goalless first half, but then scored three goals in quick succession to emerge worthy winners.

Civilians gave a very fine show and, particularly impressive and their short in the first half, displayed a combination that would not have disgraced an Interport team. The forwards were passing movements carried them into the Macao circle time after time. Macao, however, were evidently still

feeling the effects of their efforts in the Interport, while it must also be taken into account that they were all at the Interport dinner!

It was a foul day for hockey, the heat, under a burning sun, being intense, but the game was interesting to watch and there was quite a large crowd of spectators.

REED AND SOUZA SHINE

Two men stood out in the Civilian team. They were Willie Reed, in the pivotal position, and U. B. Souza, the goal-keeper. Reed has probably never played better in his life. He was all over the field, intercepting well and getting his stick into some impossible positions in order to prevent a pass reaching its man.

Souza brought off some remarkable saves in the course of the game, at one time dealing effectively with three shots in quick succession. His one lapse in the second half cost Civilians a goal when he kicked over a slow shot which trickled into goal.

Gonsalves, at right back, appeared more comfortable than on the previous day and, although again, he was never sure with his stick, his robust tackling and determined methods prevented Macao from gaining any real advantage.

Reggie Reed, his partner, was slow and did not appear to the best advantage. In the half-back line, Hassan, Willie Reed and T. Alves, were a hard-working trio who gave little away.

The forward-line was good in the first half but fell away later. Most of the attacking movements took place on the right, where George Fowler, Sydney Fowler and Pyara Singh revealed splendid understanding. The latter was as brilliant as ever with his stick and swung the ball around very nicely.

Ernie Fowler was very quick on the ball but was inclined to hang on to it longer than was necessary.

THE MACAO TEAM

For Macao, Almada brought off many good saves and the goals scored against him would have beaten anybody. Basto, who did not play in the Interport, made a good partner for R. Rosario in the full-back division and their hard hitting cleared their line on many occasions.

Alex Airoso was his usual reliable self and was well supported by Joao Nolasco and L. Costa.

At forward Macao were disappointing until that goal in the second half, which spurred them on to victory. The wingers were again unable to get the ball across with any accuracy and the inside forwards, in the initial stages, could not shake off the attentions of the opposing half-back line.

Santos Ferreira was a hard worker at inside-right and showed up better in this position than in the half-back division. Albert Airoso was a capable leader and made full use of all the opportunities which came his way.

Ernie Fowler scored the first goal of the match shortly before the interval, following a brilliant movement. A few minutes later, his brother George also netted a good goal to place the Hong Kong side two goals in the lead.

QUICK GOALS

Spurred on by the reverses Macao attacked strongly and, in quick succession, Albert Airoso and Alex Airoso (twice) went through to score. By this time the Civilians had fallen off considerably and Macao had by far the better of exchanges in the later stages.

TEAMS

Macao:—C. Almada; R. Rosario and A. Basto; J. Nolasco, Alex. Airoso and L. Costa; F. Nolasco, J. Santos Ferreira, Albert Airoso, R. Angelo and A. Angelo.
Hong Kong Civilians:—U. B. Souza; J. Gonsalves and W. A. Reed; M. H. Hassan, W. A. Reed and T. Alves; S. A. Fowler, G. Fowler, Pyara Singh, E. Fowler and J. A. Soares.

K.C.C. DO WELL AGAINST ST. TERESA'S

Playing at K.C.C. last night St. Teresa's beat the home team by 5 sets to 4.
J. Chen and A. Ulrich (St. Teresa's) lost to J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher 16-21.
lost to P. Wynter-Blythe and T. C. Keavan 21-24.
beat H. S. Jones and M. Merritt 21-6.
A. Ho and J. Lum (St. Teresa's) lost to Anderson and Fisher 18-21.
beat Wynter-Blythe and Keavan 21-18.
beat Jones and Merritt 21-9.
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's) lost to Anderson and Fisher 10-21.
beat Wynter-Blythe and Keavan 21-18.
beat Jones and Merritt 21-5.

POSTPONED GAME

The postponed match between St. Teresa's and King's College will be played at St. Teresa's Club on Friday, at 8 p.m.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

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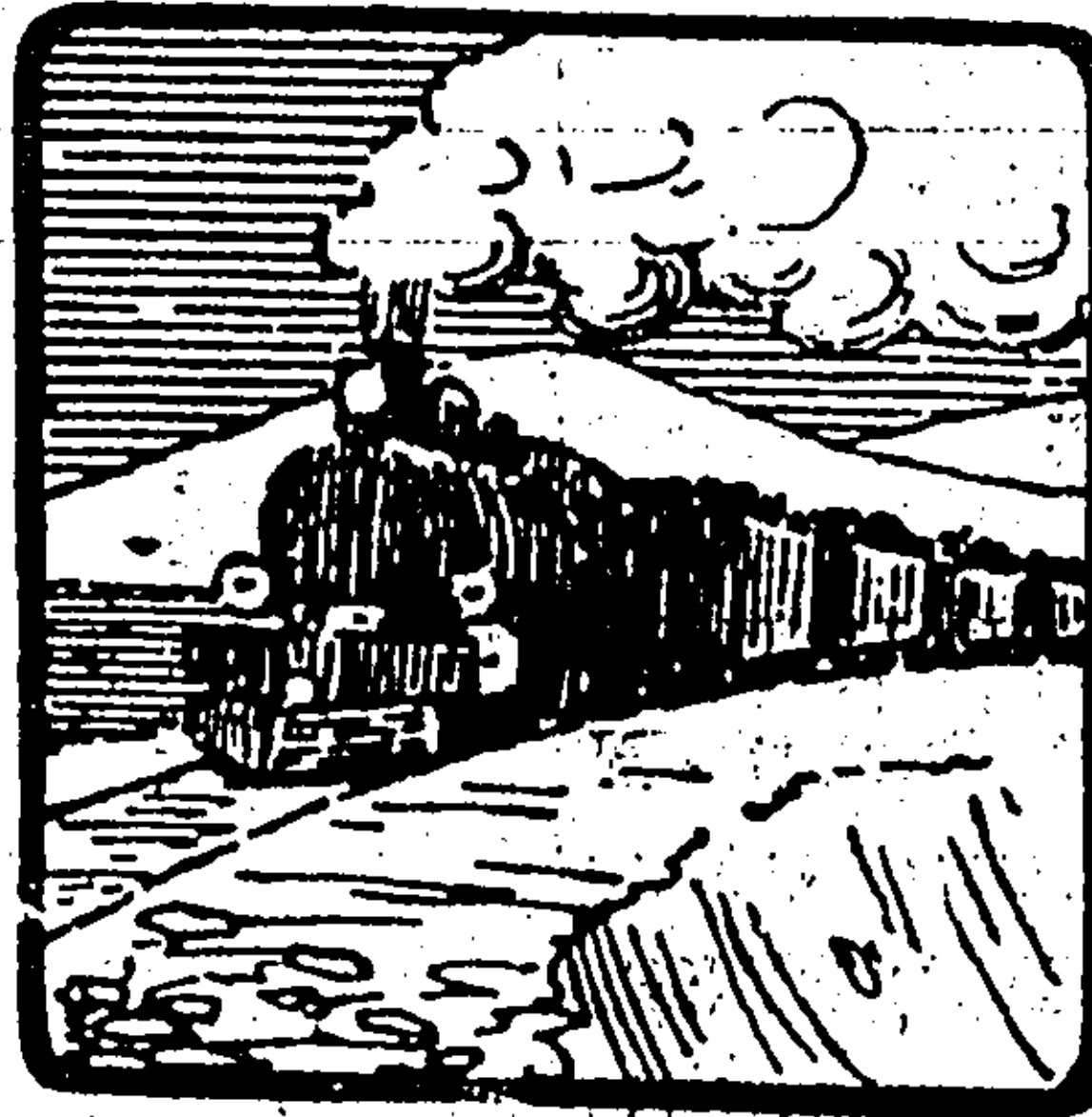
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MARCONI'S FORERUNNER PASSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
THE DEATH OCCURRED YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 98 OF THE FAMOUS SCIENTIST, M. EDOUARD BRANLY, WHOSE RESEARCH LAID THE BASIS FOR RADIO RECEPTION AND PAVED THE WAY FOR MARCONI.

A professor at the Paris Catholic University, he devoted his whole life to science. He held the degrees of Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Physical Sciences and Doctor of Mathematics.

His best-known discovery was that of "File-dust Coherer," which led to the discovery of the radio reception tube.

At the end of the last century, he noted that an electrical spark would provoke the agglomeration of file-dust placed in the vicinity of the electric transmitter. The possibility of thus detecting distant electric phenomena attracted his attention and led to the discovery of the principles of wireless transmission.

He will be given a National Funeral. —Havas.

SOVIET MILITARY WITHDRAWAL

Oslo, To-day.
A message from Kirkenaes states that Soviet troops have begun to withdraw from northern Finland in accordance with the terms of the peace treaty.

The troops are being concentrated

LABOUR WILL REFUSE TO CO-OPERATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
There is still a lot of talk in London about possible changes in the Cabinet, but no definite decision has yet been announced.

The "News Chronicle" says that if the Labour leaders are invited to take part in the Government they will refuse, just as they did at the beginning of the war.

The "Daily Telegraph," on the other hand, says that important changes may come and the three men most likely to be appointed are Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Labour Opposition Leader, who might get a post in the Admiralty; Mr. Herbert Morrison, Labour M.P., who might go to the War Office; and Mr. A. V. Alexander, Labour M.P., who might go into the Transport office.

Mr. C. Attlee, the Labour Opposition Leader, might become a Minister without Portfolio, the paper thinks.

The "Daily Telegraph" points out at the same time that the co-operation of these men with the Government would depend on the decision of their Party. A regular Council session is not due for several weeks, although a special one could be called if necessary. —Havas.

at Petsamo where they are awaiting shipment to the east. —Reuter.



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Macao, To-day.
Japanese regulars have withdrawn from the city of Shek-ki, according to reports from Chinese territory. Only a handful of "puppet" forces remain in the city. —Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, To-day.
Reuter's regret to announce that news has just been received in Shanghai that Peter Blix, a Norwegian subject formerly of Reuter's Far Eastern staff, was killed recently as the result of the torpedoing of the Norwegian ship in which he was serving in European waters. Full details of the incident have not yet been received. Peter Blix was well-known in Far Eastern sporting circles as a Shanghai Interport Rugby player. —Reuter.

A blackout will be held in Hong Kong on the night April 11 to 12 and the following is issued on request from the Director of Air Raid Precautions for the information of shipping:—

1. The Port of Hong Kong will be closed from sunset April 11th until sunrise April 12th and no ships will be allowed to enter or leave.

2. Certain lights, lighthouses and light buoys will be extinguished on the night 11th to 12th April.

3. The exercise will be divided into four periods as follows:—

Period (I) From sunset to the sounding of the first "air raid warning" signal.

Period (II) From the first "air raid warning" signal to the first "raiders passed" signal.

Period (III) From the first "raiders passed" signal to the second "air raid warning" signal.

Period (IV) From the second "air raid warning" signal to the second "raiders passed" signal.

During these periods the following lighting restrictions will be enforced:—

Shipping and Watercraft:—During period (I) lighting must be reduced to the minimum and arrangements must be made so that all lights can be obscured or extinguished within three minutes.

Navigation and riding lights should remain alight.

During period (II) all lights including navigation and riding lights must be extinguished, and all movements of shipping and other craft must cease during this period.

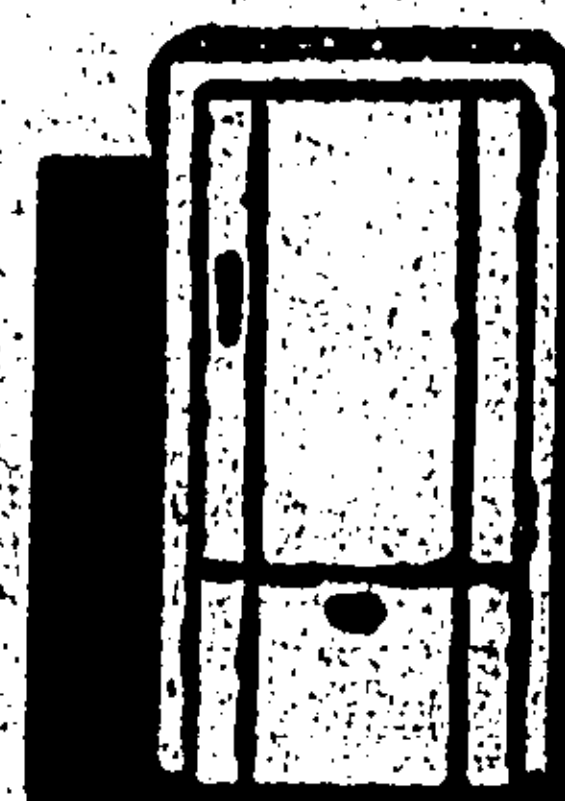
Should any ships, etc. be under way when the first "air raid warning" signal is sounded, they should proceed with navigation lights alight to the nearest safe anchorage or jetty, and after either anchoring or securing, navigation and riding lights must be extinguished.

During period (III) movements of shipping may be resumed but navigation and riding lights must be shown. All other lights must either be obscured or extinguished, or arrangements made so that they can with certainty be either extinguished or obscured within three minutes.

During period (IV) movements of shipping will be permitted, but only navigation and riding lights must be shown. All other lights must be either extinguished or obscured.

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